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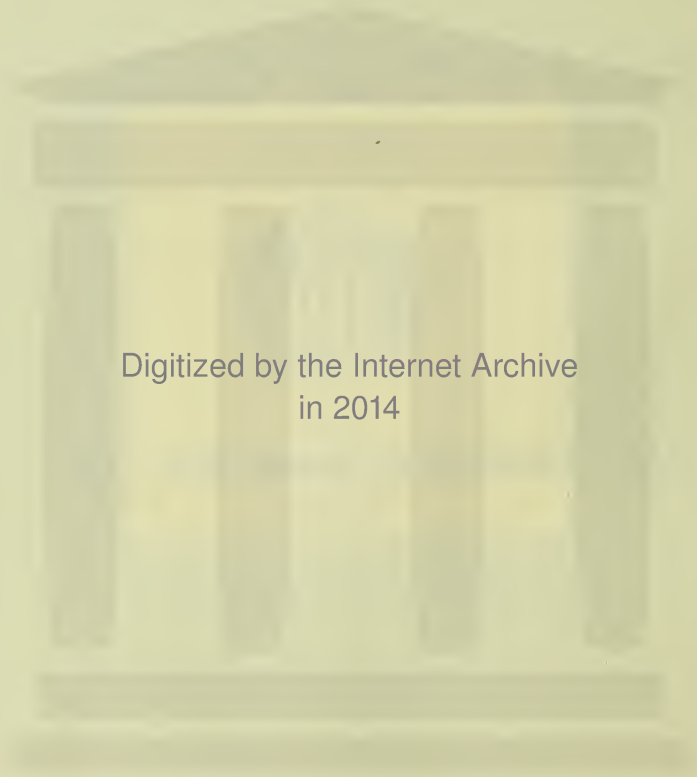
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OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

1904.

Clinton, S. C., Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1904—7:30 p.m.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Robert Adams, D. D., from John 16:9, "And when He is come He will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment."

In accordance with the order fixed by the last Synod, the memorials of Rev. Dr. G. R. Brackett and Rev. H. G. Gilland, deceased, were read.

The Synod was then led in prayer by the Moderator, after which the roll was called and the following members were

PRESENT:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—J. H. Thornwell, J. B. Swann, W. M. McPheeters, W. G. Neville, M. R. Kirkpatrick (2), J. K. Hall, Jas. Russell, W. T. Hall, W. A. Haffner, Chalmers Fraser, J. T. Dendy, W. B. Arrowood, C. G. Brown, A. H. Atkins, W. L. Lingle (2), H. J. Mills, J. M. Harris, S. C. Byrd, C. R. Hyde, J. J. Brown.—20.

Elders—D. G. Stanton, Bethel Church; P. M. Burris, Bethesda; L. R. Williams, Beth Shiloh; J. J. Smith (2), Clover; G. W. Boyd (2), Concord; R. T. Gillespie, Ebenezer; R. L. Douglass, Fishing Creek; J. H. McMurray, Fort Mill; J. C. Foster, Lancaster; T. L. Johnson, Mt. Olivet; W. R. Conrad, Olivet; Thos. Caskey, Pleasant Grove; W.

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D. Knox, Purity; J. C. Cork, Rock Hill; J. B. Frasier, Salem; J. M. Smith, Scion; J. R. Harry (2), Union; J. J. Hunter, Yorkville; J. B. Douglas, Rocky Creek.—19.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—G. A. Blackburn, J. W. Flinn, J. L. McLees, S. M. Smith, H. M. Parker, T. B. Trenholm (2), F. D. Jones, Alex. Martin, Henry Alexander White (2), W. H. Mills (2), J. K. G. Frasier, D. M. McIver, S. C. Caldwell, W. W. Sadler.—14.

Elders.—B. F. Wyman, Aiken; John Paul, Charleston 1st; W. A. Clark (2), Columbia 1st; C. W. Suber, Columbia 2nd; J. C. Scott, Westminster.—5.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—A. A. James (2), T. H. Law, W. P. Jacobs, W. L. Boggs, C. A. B. Jennings, J. F. Jacobs, T. B. Craig, W. S. Bean, S. R. Preston, Robt. Adams, G. G. Mayes, W. H. White, W. R. Potter, B. P. Reid, W. C. Smith, A. G. Wardlaw, T. W. Sloan, Thornwell Jacobs, J. F. Pharr, J. L. McLin, F. D. Hunt.—21.

Elders.—J. P. Saxon (3), Bethany; J. M. Switzer, Becca; J. H. Anderson, Centre Point; A. E. Spencer, Clinton 1st; T. M. Weir (2), Duncan's Creek; Y. R. Scruggs, Fountain Inn; G. D. Wilson, Friendship; H. S. Simpson (2), Glenn Springs; G. W. Taylor, Greenville 1st; O. P. Mills, Greenville 2nd; W. A. Hudson, Palmer; W. L. Boyd, Laurens 1st; M. T. Simpson, Liberty Springs; E. P. Milam (2), Lisbon; D. R. Crawford (2), Little River; J. H. Owings, New Harmony; J. C. Davis, Rock Bridge; W. J. Copeland, Rocky Spring; F. M. Farr, Union 1st; W. W. Simpson (2), Woodruff.—20.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—James McDowell, W. J. McKay, N. W. Edmunds, V. R. Gaston, W. S. Porter (2), H. T. Darnall, C. Barth.—7.

Elders.—N. A. Bethune, Bethune; Samuel Bradley, Bishopville; J. M. Montgomery, Concord; Isaac W. Bradley, Mayesville; Geo. McCutcnen, Mt. Zion; W. J. Durant, New Harmony; J. K. DeKay, Pine Tree; R. E. McIlveen, Salem (B. R.); D. J. Winn, Sumter; W. D. Bryan, Wedgefield.—10.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—H. M. Brearley, J. G. Richards, D. M. Fulton, E. C. Bailey, J. A. Wilson, T. H. Newkirk, H. M. Dixon, Bunyan McLeod, J. P. Marion, Jr.—9.

Elders.—J. T. Eason, Bennettsville; J. N. Drake, Blenheim; W. F. Stevenson (2), Cheraw; C. B. Allen, Clio; W. E. James, Darlington; J. P. McNeill, Florence; J. S. Scott (2), Hopewell; J. W. Johnson, Marion; John McSween, Timmonsville.—9.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—R. C. Ligon, J. Lowrie Wilson, J. G. Henderson, R. H. Nall, J. L. Williamson, R. L. Rodgers, W. S. Hamiter, T. P. Burgess, W. J. Wyly, J. C. Shive, S. J. Cartledge (2), H. R. Murchison, R. G. McLees, T. C. Ligon, F. H. Wardlaw, J. G. Law, F. W. Gregg (2), J. J. Harrell, F. A. Drennan, J. F. Matheson, A. Walker White (3), L. W. Brown, J. E. James (2).—23.

Elders.—T. P. Quarles, Abbeville; J. B. Townsend, Anderson 1st; G. M. C. Bollman, Anderson Central; S. P. Boozer, Aveleigh; J. H. Burgess, Fort Hill; L. B. Nickles, Greenville; R. F. McCaslan, Greenwood; G. M. Greer, Honea Path; E. A. Mars, Hopewell; A. K. Watson, Lebanon; J. M. Knox, Little Mountain; L. W. Gentry, Midway; Geo. A. Boozer, Morris; T. S. Blake, Ninety-Six; H. P. Sitton (2), Pendleton; W. H. Hughs, Richland: John Myers, Seneca; A. D. McIlwain, Upper Long Cane; R. E. Thompson, Walhalla; J. D. Sheldon, Fair Play.—20.

Rev. James McDowell was unanimously elected Moderator, and Elder J. C. Scott Assistant Clerk.

On motion of the pastor of this church, the Synod adopted the following as the hours of the daily sessions:

From 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

From 2:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

From 8 p. m. to adjournment at will.

It was further resolved that to-morrow the Synod recede from business at 4:15 p. m., in order that the members may visit the Thornwell Orphanage.

It was made the order for 11 a. m. to-morrow to hear Rev. Dr. S. L. Morris, Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions,

and for 8 p. m. to hear Rev. Dr. C. R. Hemphill, representing the Assembly's Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

It was made the first order for to-morrow afternoon to hear and consider the reports of the Synod's Committee on the proposed Presbyterian University at Atlanta, and the papers forwarded by the Conference held in that city last winter.

Rev. J. W. Walden, D. D., Synod of Georgia, and Rev. C. R. Hemphill, D. D., Synod of Kentucky, were welcomed as corresponding members.

The memorials of Rev. Dr. Brackett and Rev. H. G. Gilland read this evening, were adopted by a rising vote.

Synod then adjourned till 9 a. m. to-morrow.

Prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 9 a. m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Rev. S. L. Morris, D. D., Synod of Georgia, was welcomed as a corresponding member.

The Stated Clerk of South Carolina Presbytery reported that the Rev. J. E. James had this morning been received into that Presbytery, and he was enrolled as a member of Synod.

The Moderator announced the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *Devotional Exercises.*—Minister: W. P. Jacobs. Elder: A. E. Spencer.

2. *Bills and Overtures.*—Ministers: Robt. Adams, N. W. Edmunds, D. M. McIver; Elders: J. J. Hunter, W. E. James.

3. *Judicial Business.*—Ministers: W. T. Hall, J. W. Flinn, S. R. Preston; Elders: I. W. Bradley, T. P. Quarles.

4. *Home Missions.*—Ministers: J. G. Richards, J. G. Law, V. R. Gaston; Elders: J. C. Foster, B. F. Wyman.

5. *Narrative.*—Ministers: G. A. Blackburn, H. T. Darnall; Elder: W. R. Conrad.

6. *Theological Seminary.*—Ministers: W. B. Arrowood, J. Lowrie Wilson, D. M. Fulton; Elders: G. W. Taylor, W. J. Durant.

7. *Finance.*—Elders: Jno. McSween, R. F. McCaslan, W. D. Bryan.

8. *Minutes of Assembly.*—Ministers: W. J. McKay, S. M. Smith, J. P. Marion, Jr; Elders: J. H. McMurray, O. P. Mills.

9. *Leave of Absence.*—Ministers: J. K. Hall, H. M. Parker, T. B. Craig; Elders: D. J. Winn, J. P. McNeill.

10. *Presbyterial Records*—

Bethel—Rev. J. L. McLees, Elder J. H. Owings.
Charleston—Rev. F. D. Hunt, Elder F. M. Farr.
Enoree—Rev. R. C. Ligon, Elder Samuel Bradley.
Harmony—Rev. Chalmers Fraser, Elder L. W. Gentry.
Pee Dee—Rev. B. P. Reid, Elder C. W. Suber.
South Carolina—Rev. F. D. Jones, Elder J. H. Anderson.

The following additional members appeared and were enrolled: Elders W. F. Stevenson, Cheraw Church, and J. J. Smith, Clover Church.

A communication from Rev. Dr. Alex. Sprunt, who is detained from Synod by illness, was read. His reasons for absence were referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence, and his letter to the Standing Committee on Home Missions. Synod engaged in special prayer for Dr. Sprunt in his illness.

An Overture from Fort Hill Church, touching interests connected with Clemson College, was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

An Overture from Charleston Presbytery, relating to work among the cotton mill population, went also to the same Committee.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was appointed to be read to-night in connection with the Foreign Missions meeting already provided for.

The report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions was read and referred to the Standing Committee on this cause.

On motion, it was made the order for 11 a. m. to-morrow to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions; and it was referred to the same Committee to arrange for a popular meeting on this subject to-morrow evening.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry was presented, and referred, on motion, to a select committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. C. R. Hyde and J. L. McLees and Elder Jno. McSween.

The several Presbyteries presented their Narratives and Statistical Reports. The first were referred to the Committee on the Narrative, and the second will be found in the appendix.

Without a formal report from the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief certain facts were presented by Rev. W. G. Neville for the Committee, which were referred to the Select Committee appointed on Ministerial Education.

Secretary Morris was heard on Home Missions as conducted by the Assembly's Committee. On motion Dr. Morris' address was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

It was resolved that Synod hear Rev. Dr. Walden as representing the Atlanta Conference on the Presbyterian University this afternoon, in connection with the reports of the Committee and the Conference.

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause was presented; and it was approved and ordered published in the appendix to the minutes.

Rev. J. B. Parrot, of the Baptist Church, was welcomed as a visiting brother.

Elders E. P. Wilson, Lisbon Church, and T. M. Weir, Duncan's Creek, appeared and were enrolled.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization was presented. The report was approved and the recommendations adopted. (Appendix.)

The Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund made a report which was adopted as follows :

Report of Committee on 20th Century Fund.

Your Committee begs leave to report that it has made no effort to enlarge this work during the last year, but has tried to carry out the instructions of the Synod in collecting subscriptions already made as they fall due.

We have collected during the last year the following amounts :

For Columbia Seminary	$ 320 50
For Presbyterian College of So. Ca.	405 35
For Thornwell Orphanage	132 25
For Davidson College	7 00
For Chicora College	5 00
For General Fund	793 25
For Ferguson-Williams College	365 82
Total	$2,029 17

The following figures will show the disbursements :

Columbia Seminary	$1,000 00
Presbyterian College of So. Ca.	215 35
Thornwell Orphanage	132 25
Davidson College	7 00
Postage, circulars, etc	9 50
Clerical help for Chairman	100 00
Ferguson-Williams College	525 00
Total	$1,989 10

We had on hand at the last meeting of Synod $1,772.52. This leaves in the treasury now $1,812.59.

We recommend :

1. That this work be continued for another year.
2. That the churches which have failed to pay their assessment on the Ferguson-Williams College debt be urged to pay immediately.

W. G. NEVILLE, Chairman.

Synod took recess till 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 p. m.

Synod met.

The following additional members reported and were enrolled: Ministers: H. A. White, T. B. Trenholm, M. R. Kirkpatrick, S. J. Cartledge; Elders, W. A. Clark, 1st Church, Columbia, G. W. Boyd, Concord, and T. L. Johnson, Mt. Olivet, both of Bethel Presbytery; W. W. Simpson, Woodruff, J. S. Scott, Hopewell, Pee Dee Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk presented his report as Treasurer of Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Stated Clerk called attention to the fact that he had this year, for reasons stated, not had the statistical tables of our Presbyteries sent to the Assembly printed as usual from the type used in the Assembly's Minutes. The Synod excused the absence of these tables this year, but instructed the Clerk to continue to insert them in the Appendix, hereafter.

Rev. Dr. G. L. Leyburn, Synod of Missouri, was welcomed as a corresponding member.

The Secretary presented the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Standing Committee on the same.

The order for the day was taken up, and Synod heard the reports of its Committee appointed to confer with Committees of other Synods interested in the proposed Presbyterian University at Atlanta. A majority report, signed by W. G. Neville and W. F. Stevenson and a minority report signed by W. J. McKay, were presented; and also the majority and minority papers sent to Synod as covering the action of the Conference held in Atlanta, January 19, 1904. Rev. Dr. Walden, as the representative of said Conference was heard.

The following members appeared and were enrolled: Ministers: W. C. Porter, A. A. James, F. W. Gregg, W. H. Mills and J. H. McLin.

Elders: J. C. Corks, Rock Hill Church, H. S. Simpson, Glenn Springs, H. P. Litten, Pendleton, D. R. Crawford, Little River, J. R. Harry, Union Church, Bethel Presbytery.

The hour for recess having arrived, Synod receded from business until 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

8 p. m.

Synod engaged in a Foreign Missions meeting, the Moderator presiding.

After devotional exercises, Rev. Dr. Adams read the report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions. The Rev. Dr. Hemphill, of the Assembly's Executive Committee, then addressed Synod ; and on motion this address was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions to bring in a suitable response.

The report of the Committee as read by the Chairman, was approved and its recommendations adopted.

Tidings having reached Synod of the recent death of the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Preston, our Missionaries in Korea, the Chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee was instructed to convey to them the sincere sympathy of this Synod in their affliction.

On motion a collection was raised for Foreign Missions, which amounted to $37.05.

Synod then adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. A. James, till 9 a. m. tomorrow.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 9 a. m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Thornwell.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed Committees to present Memorials of the Ministers whose departure from this life is mentioned in the statistical reports of the Presbyteries :

Rev. John G. Hall: Rev. J. K. Hall and Elder R. T. Gillespie.

Rev. James Douglass : Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick and Elder T. L. Johnson.

Rev. James E. Dunlop: Revs. Jas. McDowell and N. W. Edmunds, D. D.

An overture from Harmony Prebytery touching the proposed removal of the Theological Seminary was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Records of Bethel, Charleston, Enoree, Harmony and Pee Dee Presbyteries reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Permanent Committee on Publication, and Sabbath School Work presented its report, which was approved. (Appendix.)

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the folfowing which was adopted :

The Committee on Foreign Missions recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, that Synod has heard with much pleasure the interesting and instructive address of the Rev. Dr. Hemphill, of the Assembly's Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, and that he be assured of the hearty support of the Assembly's Committee in its work by the members of this body.

ROBERT ADAMS, Chairman.

The unfinished business was taken up, viz., the reports on the proposed University at Atlanta. On motion, the time of speeches on this question was, with the exception of one of the signers of the reports on either side, limited to 30 minutes.

It was moved that the majority report of the Committee be adopted. As a substitute it was moved that the minority report be adopted.

Pending the discussion of this matter, the order for 11 o'clock was suspended that this business might be continued.

The hour for recess arrived while the matter was under consideration and Synod receded from business till 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 p. m.

Synod met.

Rev. W. L. Lingle and Elder J. P. Saxon of Bethany Church, Enoree Presbyterys were enrolled.

A report from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers, etc., was referred to the select Committee on Ministerial Education.

To the same Committee was referred an overture presented by Rev. Thornwell Jacobs, relating to aid granted candidates for the Ministry.

It was made the order for 11 a. m. tomorrow to hear President Smith of Davidson College 15 minutes, concerning the interests of that institution ; and afterwards to hear Vice-President Spencer of the College at Clinton in regard to that institution.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was instructed to place without charge, an advertisement of one page each of Davidson and Clinton Colleges in the published Minutes of Synod.

The unfinished business was resumed and continued until near the hour for recess.

The order for this evening of a Home Missions Conference, was postponed that Synod may continue the unfinished business.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly made the following report which was adopted :

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly respectfully report that it has examined the Minutes with some degree of care and finds nothing demanding action on the part of this body.

W. J. McKAY, Chairman.

Rev. H. H. Sweets, Synod of Kentucky, was welcomed as a Corresponding Member.

Synod took recess till 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

8 p. m.

Synod was opened with devotional exercises. Rev. A. Walker White appeared and was enrolled. It was decided that the vote on the pending question should be taken before Synod adjourns tonight.

The discussion was resumed. At its conclusion Synod

decided to take the vote by calling the roll, and by having the members vote "Remove" and "Not remove," and that three minutes be allowed to each member to explain his vote. The vote was so taken and is as follows:

Remove—J. H. Thornwell, W. M. McPheeters, W. G. Neville, W. R. Kirkpatrick, J. K. Hall, Jas. Russell, W. T. Hall, W. A. Haffner, Chalmers Fraser, W. B. Arrowood, C. G. Brown, A. H. Atkins, W. L. Lingle, H. J. Mills, J. M. Harris, S. C. Byrd, C. R. Hyde, J. J. Brown, F. D. Jones, H. M. Parker, Alex. Martin, H. A. White, W. H. Mills, D. M. McIver, W. W. Sadler, C. A. B. Jennings, T. B. Craig, S. R. Preston, Robt. Adams, G. G. Mayes, W. H. White, W. R. Potter, B. P. Reid, T. W. Sloan, Thornwell Jacobs, J. L. McLees, F. D. Hunter, W. S. Porter, H. T. Darnall, C. Barth, H. M. Brearly, J. A. Wilson, T. H. Newkirk, J. Lowrie Wilson, R. H. Wall, J. L, Williamson, W. S. Hamiter, W. J. Wyly, J. C. Shive, S. J. Cartledge, F. H. Wardlaw, F. W. Gregg, J. J. Harrell, F. A. Druman, J. F. Matheson, L. W. Brown, J. E. James, D. G. Stanton, P. M. Burris, L. R. Williams, J. J. Smith, G. W. Boyd, R. T. Gillespie, J. H. McMurray, J. C. Foster, T. L. Johnson, W. R. Conrad, Thomas Caskey, J. C. Cork, J. B. Frasier, J. R. Harry, J. J. Hunter, J. D. Douglass, John Paul, J. H. Anderson, A. E. Spencer, Y. R. Scruggs, H. S. Simpson, G.W, Taylor, O. P. Mills, W. A. Hudson, W. L. Boyd, M. T. Simpson, W. F. Stevenson, J. W. Johnson, J. B. Townsend, S. P. Boozer, R. F. McCaslan, G. M. Greer, E. A. Mark, J. M. Knox, G. S. Boozer, A. D. McIlwain, J. D. Sheldon, L. B. Nickles.—96.

Not Remove—G. A. Blackburn, J. W. Flinn, S. M. Smith, T. B. Trenholm, S. C. Caldwell, T. H. Law, A. A. James, W. P. Jacobs, J. T. Jacobs, W. S. Bean, W. C. Smith, A. G. Wardlaw, James McDowell, V. R. Gaston, W. J. McKay, N. W. Edmunds, J. G. Richards, D. M. Fulton, E. C. Bailey, J. P. Marion, Jr., J. G. Henderson, T. P. Burgess, J. G. Law, R. L. Douglass, B. F. Wyman, W. A. Clark, C. W. Suber, J. C. Scott, J. M. Switzer, J. H. Owings, J. C. Davis, W. J. Copeland, N. A. Bethune, Samuel Bradley, J. M. Montgomery, I. W. Bradley, G. McCuthin, W. J. Durant, J. K. DeKay, R. E. McElveen, D. J. Wims, W. D. Bryan, J. T. Eason, J. U. Drake, C. B. Allen, W. E. James, J. P. McNeill, J. S. Scott, T. P. Quarles, L. W. Gentry, H. P. Sitton, J. H. Burgess.—52.

The majority report of the committee was then adopted as the expression of this vote, and is as follows :

The committee of three, appointed by the Synod last year to confer with similar committees from the other Synods interested, presented majority and minority reports—two favoring the recommendation of the joint conference to remove the seminary to Atlanta, and one opposing. The debate was upon these reports ; and that of the majority, which was adopted, is as follows :

The committee appointed by the Synod at its last meeting to confer with similar committees appointed by other Synods touching the establishment of a university in the city of Atlanta, beg leave to make the following report :

The joint conference composed of three members from the Synods of South Carolina, three from the Synod of Georgia, two from the Synod of Florida, three from the Synod of Alabama, three from the Synod of Mississippi, and three from the Synod of Louisiana, met in the Central Presbyterian church, of Atlanta, on January 19, 1904. Two members of the Synod of Tennessee were present, not as conferees, but to explain why their Synod declined to enter the conference. These brethren were invited to sit with us in our deliberations and were given all the privileges of the floor.

After holding two meetings and after hearing at length the two brethren from Synod of Tennessee giving their reasons for not going into the conference, the conference decided to divide itself into two sections, one composed of members representing the Synods owning and controlling the Southwestern Presbyterian University and the other composed of members representing the Synods owning and controlline Columbia Theological Seminary.

These two sections of the conference met and fully canvassed and discussed the whole question as far as the light in hand permitted. Then they reported to the general conference recommending the consolidation of the Southwestern Presbyterian University and Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga.

After further discussion, the conference decided by a vote of 14 to 3 to recommend to the Synods directly interested the removal of the Southwestern Presbyterian University and Columbia Theological Seminary to Atlanta, Ga., and to send down to the seven interested Synods a plan of basis on which the institutions involved are to be consolidated.

Your committee would respectfully recommend to the Synod :

1. That we adopt the action of the conference.

2. That we elect at once two directors as called for by the report of the conference whose duty it shall be to meet with representatives of other Synods concerned in the city of Atlanta, November 23, 1904, for the purpose of perfecting this consolidation and the location of said University, if the way be clear, according to the terms of the original propsition.

3. That these directors report to the next meeting of this Synod.

W. G. Neville,
W. F. Stevenson.

The minority report which was rejected is as follows:

The undersigned finding himself unable to concur in the recommendations of a majority of the commissiners appointed by this Synod on the subject of the proposed University at Atlanta, begs leave to present the following minority report:

The results of the meeting of the joint commission, in the form of majority and minority reports, have already been laid before this Synod for its consideration. In the humble judgment of the undersigned the aspect of this whole question which most directly concerns this Synod is the contemplated removal of the Theological Seminary from Columbia to Atlanta. Your commissioner believes that an attempt to effect such removal is inexpedient so far as the success of the institution itself is concerned, would prove disasterous to the welfare of the Synod. He therefore recommends that the following resolution be substituted for the recommendations contained in the majority of the commissions of this body.

Resolved, "That Synod hereby expresses its entire unwillingness to take any action looking to the removal of Columbia Seminary from its present location."

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. McKay,
Commissioner.

Rev. W. G. Neville, D. D., and Elder W. F. Stevenson were appointed directors under the action taken.

A paper touching this matter was presented by Rev. S. C. Byrd and was docketed.

It was made the order for 10 a. m. tomorrow to hear

Secretary H. H. Sweets concerning Ministerial Education and Relief.

Synod adjourned with prayer to meet 9 a. m. tomorrow.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 21st, 1904.—9 a. m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. C. Bailey.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Standing Committee of Home Missions presented a report, which was adopted as follows :

The following matters have been referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions :

1. The report of Synod's Executive Committee of Home Missions.

2. An overture from Fort Hill Church, asking Synod to aid it in securing a resident pastor.

3. An overture from Charleston Presbytery, asking Synod to direct its Executive Committee of Home Missions to invite similar bodies from the other evangelical denominations of this State to confer with them, looking to a division of the mill towns and mill populations of the State among themselves with a view of securing 1st, Christian unity ; 2nd, Better organization ; 3rd, Less expense to each ; 4th, Concentration of effort to a more limited territory ; and 5th, A more definite responsibility for thoroughness of work.

4. The address of Dr. Morris, Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions.

From the report of your Executive Committee we learn that the work of Home Missions has been prosecuted with vigor and an encouraging degree of success during the past Synodical year. Rev. Messrs. Wardlaw, McLees, Mills, Robinson and Dunlop have been working under the direction of your Committee. The expenses of the work have been fully met up to date, and Dr. Sprunt reports $552.85 still on hand.

We recommend :

1. That the same Executive Committee be elected for the next year, and that they be requested to continue to prosecute the work along the same lines.

2. That Rev. F. H. Wardlaw be re-elected Superin-

tendent of Home Missions in our Synod, and be made Chairman and Treasurer of the Executive Committee in the place of Dr. Sprunt, who has so ably filled that position for years past, but now asks to be relieved from it; and that Rev. R. G. McLees be re-elected General Evangelist.

3. That the salary of each of these brethren be fixed at $900 during the next year.

4. As there is now a surplus of funds on hand we recommend that a sufficient amount be taken from that surplus to make the salaries of Messrs. Wardlaw and McLees at least $60 per month for past services.

5. That the churches be asked to contribute at least $4,000 to this great work during the present Synodical year.

6. In answer to the overture from Fort Hill Church your Committee recommends that the whole matter be turned over to the Executive Committee of Home Missions, and that we express to our brethren at Clemson College our hearty interest in their efforts to secure the pastoral services of a Presbyterian minister for the Presbyterian students who are at the College with the hope that the situation may be relieved.

7. That Synod has heard with great pleasure and interest the address of Dr. Morris, and rejoices in the good work which God has enabled him to do in extending the borders of our beloved church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. RICHARDS, Chairman.

It was further resolved that whenever a call is made for money for any of the causes of the church that the minister of the church be requested to explain fully to the congregation the nature of the call.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary presented a report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

The Standing Committee to which was referred the records and the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, would respectfully report that they have carefully examined these and recommend the following resolutions:

1. That the records are neatly written and show that the members of the Board have been diligent in looking after the interests of the Seminary, and their faithfulness is approved.

2. That we rejoice in the healthy state of the finances manifested by the fact that the income has been sufficient to

meet the running expenses of the Seminary, and also to make important improvements on the Seminary buildings.

3. That we note with approval that steps have been taken to establish a fellowship in the Seminary by which the holder, taken from the graduates, may pursue post-graduate studies in this Seminary.

4. That we invoke the divine guidance and blessing, and the cordial support of all her constituency, for our Seminary.

5. That the Synod appoint Mr. W. A. Clark and Rev. W. J. McKay, D. D., as Directors for a term of three years.

6. That the Synod instruct the Stated Clerk to extend to the Rev. W. W. Mills, D. D., our deep sympathy in his physical infirmities, and express to him our high appreciation of his valuable services as a Director of the Seminary for so many years and Secretary of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. ARROWOOD, Chairman.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had come into its hands.

The hearing of Committees' reports was suspended that Synod might hear Rev. H. H. Sweet, Secretary of Ministerial Education and Relief, who spoke on the causes entrusted to his special care.

President H. L. Smith, of Davidson College, was heard concerning that institution; and Vice-President A. E. Spencer, of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, read the report of that institution. (See Appendix.) After which Rev. Dr. McPheeters addressed Synod touching its interests.

The Committee on Finance made a report which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Finance would report that we have examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod and find the same neatly and correctly kept, and recommend the approval of his account.

We recommend that the same assessments as last year be laid upon the Presbyteries for the current year, viz: Bethel, $55; Charleston, $40; Enoree, $50; Harmony, $30; Pee Dee, $20 and South Carolina, $50.

The Select Committee on Ministerial Education made a report which was adopted as follows:

The Select Committee to whom were referred certain reports and papers touching the vital causes of Ministerial Education and Relief, beg to report as follows :

We are profoundly impressed with the crying need of a larger supply of candidates for the Gospel Ministry, so vigorously brought to our attention by your Permanent Committee, and of an adequate provision for the godly men who are no longer able to preach the gospel, and for the families of the dead. We, therefore, earnestly recommend as follows :

1. As we sadly need our students at home, and as more than thirty southern students are attending institutions out our bounds, we ask our Presbyterial Committees to use all the means that prudence dictates to get our young men to attend our own Seminary.

2. As preaching once on this vital topic cannot discharge our full duty, we urge our ministers to put earnestly before the church, the parents and the young, in connection with our next collection, the great need of ministers.

3. We urge our people to contribute liberally to the causes of Ministeral Education and Relief, and not to forget to pray to the Lord of the Harvest for more laborers.

4. That since valuable property in Charleston, S. C., has been given to the Southern Presbyterian Church by the will of the late Miss Mary Bennett Campbell, which gift was conditioned upon the acceptance of the conditions provided in the will within the next four or five years; therefore, the Synod urges the Committee of the Assembly to make provision for the fulfilling of this condition, that the property may be used for the widows and orphans under the care of the church.

5. That a new Permanent Committee be appointed, combining the Committees of Ministerial Education and Relief, that Synod's Committee may be in harmony with the action of the last Assembly relative to these two Committees.

6. We urge all of our churches to co-operate with the Assembly's Committee in the laudable undertaking of raising an adequate endowment for Ministerial Relief.

7. We instruct our Committee on Ministerial Education and Relief to authorize the proper disbursement of the funds now lying in the hands of the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers, etc., which the Treasurer thereof informs us as awaiting the action of Synod.

8. The Synod has heard with pleasure and profit the Rev. Henry H. Sweets, the Assembly's Secretary of Ministerial Education and Relief, and urges a deepened interest in the great cause he represents.

9. That the overture of Rev. Thornwell Jacobs, as follows, be docketed for consideration at the next Synod; and that a special committee be appointed by the Moderator to consider this paper, to investigate the subject to which it relates, and to bring before the next Synod facts concerning the matter of aid to candidates for the ministry and Ministerial Relief:

The Synod of South Carolina respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to consider the wisdom of making the following changes in the management of the causes of Education and Ministerial Relief, to wit:

First. That the funds contributed for the cause of Ministerial Education be loaned to our candidates on their notes without interest in such amounts as are needed and considered advisable by the Committee; to be returned to the Committee after the candidate has entered the ministry.

Second. That the money accumulating from the returned loans shall be added to the endowment for Ministerial Relief.

Third. That any candidate who may have borrowed from said loan funds, and who shall serve in any field where his annual salary for a period of five years is less than $750, shall be credited annually on his note by said Committee with the difference between his salary actually received and the said sum of $750, if the candidate so elect. All obligation being thus discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Hyde,
John McSween,
Committee.

The Moderator appointed the following as the Committee under recommendation (9): Rev. Thornwell Jacobs, Rev. Robert Adams, D. D. and Rev. J. L. Williamson.

The following paper, taken from the docket, was adopted.

Resolved, That we instruct the Directors appointed for the proposed University of Atlanta to see that any plan which may be formulated for its financial and other control and administration shall provide—

1. That a sufficient amount of the $250,000 subscribed by Atlanta shall be donated to the Seminary for the purpose of securing a suitable material plant;

2. That the present assets of the Seminary and any that may be hereafter given to it shall be reserved for its exclusive use;

3. That the services of the Seminary faculty shall be retained evclusively to the Seminary as a distinct department or school of the University, except that with the consent of the professor concerned and of the Seminary faculty, one or more members of the said faculty may be employed temporarily to teach cognate subjects in other departments or schools.

The following was adopted on motion of Rev. J. F. Jacobs.

The Columbia Seminary shall only be removed to Atlanta upon condition that no guarantees are to be given to Atlanta that the Seminary or University shall remain there permanently, nor shall any obligation be incurred looking towards legally binding the University to an Atlanta location. Should such legal obligations be incurred by the new institution at any time the Columbia Seminary funds shall be forfeited to the four Synods now controlling said Seminary.

The Stated Clerk was directed to pay the expenses of the Commissioners appointed last year, and the Directors appointed this year, in connection with the proposed University at Atlanta, and to increase the assessments laid on the Presbyteries sufficiently to meet this increased expense.

Rock Hill was chosen as the place of next meeting, and Tuesday, October 17th, 8 p. m., the time.

Synod took recess till 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod met.

The Committee presented and Synod adopted the follow-
Narrative :

Narrative.

Narratives from the six Presbyteries in this Synod show—

That attendance on the services of the church has been uniformly good throughout the Synod.

Family worship in some churches (comparatively few in number) is observed by a fair percentage of the families; in others, by only a few; while the general trend of the narratives show that this important duty is being neglected by a very large proportion of the families of the church.

On Sabbath observance the Presbyteries' summary of the narratives of the churches shows either very wide difference

in regard to the observance of the day, or a very different conception of what is to be regarded in Sabbath observance.

One Presbytery reports that in 26 churches the Sabbath is well observed, and that only in one church is there a decline. Another reports that in 14 churches the Sabbath is well observed, and in three not well. Another reports that the observance of the day is only fairly good in the majority of its churches.

The training of children in the Scriptures and Catechisms of the church is reported generally good. This seems to apply to such instruction as is ordinarily derived from Sabbath Schools, and the preparation of children for their Sabbath School class work.

There is very little complaint under the head of Christian liberality. The reports show that in the large majority of cases the churches are striving to do their duty in this matter.

Ministers have with few exceptions received their salaries, but in some cases not promptly.

As to special evidences of spiritual life the reports show about the usual conditions as reported from year to year. In a number of churches there have been helpful meetings, some have grown steadily, and others report no special evidences of spiritual growth.

In some places worldly conformity is not complained of, but apparently the proportion of churches complaining is on the increase.

The churches with a very few exceptions, save in the large cities, or manufacturing towns, do not engage in mission work, they support the work by their contributions, and frequently by allowing their pastors to be used by Presbyterial and Synodical Committees.

Geo. A. Blackburn,
H. T. Darnall,
W. R. Conrad.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report, which was adopted as follows :

The Committee on Bills and Overtures would report that the only paper coming into its hands is an overture from Harmony Presbytery, asking the Synod not to accede to the proposition looking to the removal of Columbia Theological Seminary.

As Synod has already decided this matter, no recommendation is necessary.

Robert Adams, Chairman.

The Records of South Carolina Presbytery were approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was approved:

The following have been excused for tardiness: W. A. Clark, A. Walker White, W. L. Lingle, M. M. Kirkpatrick, G. W. Boyd, H. A. White, S. J. Cartledge, E. P. Milam, W. S. Porter, H. S. Simpson, W. H. Mills.

The following have been excused: 1. After Wednesday night—E. P. Milam, Bunyan McLeod, J. T. Eason, W. H. Hughs, R. L. Rodgers.

2. After Thursday afternoon's session—R. G. McLees, J. L. McLees, W. D. Knox, J. T. Dendy.

3. After Thursday night—J. J. Smith, W. J. Wyly, T. L. Johnston, R. T. Gillespie, A. Walker White, W. H. White, F. A. Drennan, L. B. Nickles, J. M. Switzer, W. D. Bryan, J. R. Harry, L. R. Williams, J. K. DeKay, W. J. Copeland.

4. After 11 a. m. Friday—J. T. Knox, J. Lowrie Wilson, A. D. McIlwain, J. H. Burgess, S. J. Cartledge, F. W. Gregg.

5. After morning session Friday—H. T. Darnall, W. L. Boyd, John McSween, J. P. McNeill, L. W. Brown, J. S. Scott, N. W. Edmunds, B. P. Reid, T. B. Craig, Carl Barth, J. J. Harrell, C. W. Suber, J. W. Flinn, H. P. Sitton, A. A. James, A. G. Wardlaw, H. S. Simpson, S. P. Boozer, J. P. Marion. Jr., T. P. Burgess, T. H. Newkirk, J. W. Johnson, W. J. Durant, W. R. Potter, J. M. Montgomery, F. D. Hunt, D. James Winn, John Paul, J. G. Richards, J. N. Drake, D. M. McIver, W. T. Hall.

J. K. Hall, Chairman.

Rev. W. L. Lingle presented the report of the Permanent Committee on Church and Christian Education, which was approved. (Appendix.)

The following were appointed the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Education and Relief: Rev. B. P. Reid, Rev. Melton Clark and Elder L. W. Perrin.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Thornwell Orphanage was read, and on motion, Synod expressed its sincere gratification at the encouraging report presented, and ordered it published in the appendix to the Minutes.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

The Synod of South Carolina with grateful earnestness records its high appreciation of the abundant Christian hospitality of the good people of Clinton of every name, and prays that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon every home and every individual in this community that have contributed to our comfort and pleasure.

We express to the beloved pastor of this church and to his devoted people our heartfelt gratitude for the complete arrangements for the proper conduct of the business of Synod and for the welfare of its members. We cordially extend to all of the members of our Orphanage our profound thanks for the delightful entertainment at the Orphanage Chapel, and we assure all of the officers and inmates of this loved Institution of a warm place in our hearts and prayers.

We also gladly express our thanks to the railroad authorities and the newspapers, and their correspondents, for valuable courtesises extended.

It is requested that this action of Synod be read from the pulpit of our church on the Sabbath and printed in the town papers.

On motion it was resolved to appoint a Committee to nominate to the next Synod a set of Permanent Committees for Synod, and the Moderator appointed Revs. T. H. Law, W. G. Neville and A. H. McArn.

It was resolved that hereafter the Stated Clerk, upon the death of any minister of the Synod, report the fact to the Moderator, who shall appoint a Committee to bring in a suitable memorial of the deceased brother, the same to be read in connection with the opening exercises of the next Synod.

It was also moved that the memorials of Rev. Messrs. J. G. Hall, Jas. Douglass and J. E. Dunlop be read in connection with the opening exercises of next Synod.

Rev. G. A. Blackburn was appointed to preach in this house to-night.

The Minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned with singing, prayer and benediction to meet in the First Church Rock Hill, Tuesday, October 17th, 8 p. m., 1905.

THOS. H. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

JAMES McDOWELL,
MODERATOR.

APPENDIX.

1.

Statistical Report of Presbytery.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY—Respectfully reports to Synod that it is composed of twenty-eight ministers and fifty-seven churches, and has under its care two licentiates and four candidates for the ministry.

Since the last meeting of Synod, it has received C. R. Hyde from Fort Worth Presbytery and installed him pastor of Purity Church. It has received Licentiate I. E. Wallace from the Presbytery of South Carolina and ordained him to the full work of the gospel ministry. It has made arrangements for the installaion of Mr. Wallace as pastor of Heath Springs and Liberty Hill Churches.

It has ordained Licentiate J. J. Brown to the full work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of Cedar Shoals and Fort Lawn churches.

It has dismissed Licentiate L. W. Brown to the Presbytery of South Carolina and Licentiate J. B. Meacham to the Presbytery of West Lexington.

It has licensed C. W. McCully to preach the gospel.

It has taken under its care as a candidate for the gospel ministry, Mr. F. W. Cook.

It has lost by death the Rev. James Douglass and the Rev. John G. Hall.

WM. G. NEVILLE, Stated Clerk.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY—Reports to Synod that it consists of twenty ministers and thirty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and six candidates for the gospel ministry.

No ministers have been received or dismissed and no pastoral relations have been established or dissolved since the last report.

S. C. CALDWELL, Stated Clerk, pro. tem.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY—Respectfully reports to Synod that it has in its roll thirty-three ministers, fifty-eight churches, two licentiates and five candidates for the ministry.

Since the last Synod it has received Rev. Frank D. Hunt from Ashville Presbytery and installed him pastor of the 3rd church, Greenville, whose name has been changed to Palmer church. It has also received Rev. Jas. L. McLin from South Carolina Presbytery and put in his hands calls from Rocky Springs, Dorroh and New Harmony Churches. It has too, installed Rev. J. F. Pharr pastor of Liberty Springs, Lisbon and Mountville churches, and later dissolved the relation and dismissed him to Athens Presbytery. To the same Presbytery it has dismissed Rev. J. T. McBryde, D. D.

It has licensed candidate J. B. Branch to preach the gospel, and dismissed candidate G. M. Howerton to the care of Harmony Presbytery.

It has organized a new church at Old Antioch, to go by that name.

And it has dissolved the pastoral relation between the 2nd church, Greenville and Rev. G. G. Mayes that he might serve as financial agent of the joint Committees of Bethel, South Carolina and Enoree Presbyteries appointed to secure the purchase and control of Chicora College.

THOS. H. LAW, Stated Clerk.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY—Respectfully reports to Synod that it consists of fifteen ministers, thirty-four churches and four candidates for the ministry.

The following pastoral relations have been dissolved; between Rev. J. E. Stevenson and Mayesville church, and Mr. Stevenson has been dismissed to Athens Presbytery; between Rev. A. M. McNaull and Pine Tree, Turkey Creek, Bethune and New Hope Churches: between Rev. W. A. Gregg and Bishopville church: and between Rev. W. W. Mills, D. D. and Camden church.

Rev. W. W. Sadler has been dismissed to Charleston Presbytery.

Rev. J. E. Dunlop has died.

Rev. J. M. Holladay has been received from Montgomery Presbytery and has been installed pastor of Manning Church.

Rev. H. T. Darnall has been received from Macon Presbytery and has been installed pastor of Indiantown church.

Rev. R. L. Grier has been received from Albermarle Presbytery, and arrangements have been made for his installation as pastor of Brewington, New Harmony, Corinth, and Richmond churches.

Candidate G. M. Howerton has been received from Enoree Presbytery, licensed and ordained, and has been called to become pastor of Pine Tree, Turkey Creek, New Hope and Bethune churches.

The Rev. Carl Barth has been received from Montgomery Presbytery and has been elected evangelist of Harmony Presbytery.

W. W. MILLS, Stated Clerk.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERY—Respectfully reports to the Synod that it consists of fifteen ministers and twenty-nine churches and has under its care three candidates for the ministry

It has received Rev. S. E. Bishop from the Presbytery of Harmony.

It has dismissed Rev. F. A. Drennan to the Presbytery of South Carolina.

It has received under its care as a candidate for the ministry, Warner H. DuBose, a son of Dr. Hampden C. DuBose of China.

A. H. MCARN, Stated Clerk.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY—Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of thirty-one ministers, sixty-five churches, two licentiates and has four candidates for the ministry under its care.

1. It has received Rev. F. A. Drennan from Pee Dee Presbytery, Rev. A. W. White from Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. J. J. Harrell from Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. Jno. F. Matheson from Presbytery of New Castle, Presbyterian Church U. S. A., Rev. J. E. James from Atlanta Presbytery.

2. It has dismissed Rev. J. L. McLin to Enoree Presbytery; Rev. J. T. Wade to Athens Presbytery; Rev. W.

H. Workman to Montgomery Presbytery; Rev. T. H. Medd to Philadelphia Classis of the Reformed Church of America.

3. It has constituted the pastoral relation between Rev. F. A. Drennan and Liberty and Carmel Churches; Rev. J. J. Harrell and Westminister and Retreat churches; Rev. H. C. Fennel and New Willington, Mt. Carmel and Hopewell churches; Rev. A. W. White and Piedmont and Slabtown churches. It has made arrangements for the installation of L. W. Brown at Lebanon, Little Mountain and Bethia churches. It has placed calls from Good Hope and Providence churches in the hands of Rev. W. S. Hamiter.

4. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. T. Wade and Easley; Rev. F. H. Wardlaw and Piedmont and Slabtown; Rev. J. C. Shive and Little Mountain church; Rev. W. S. Hamiter and Townville and Seneca churches; Rev. Hugh R. Murchinson and the Central Presbyterian church at Anderson.

5. It has examined and ordained Licentiate L. W. Brown.

It has licensed candidate J. E. Ward to preach the gospel.

HUGH R. MURCHISON, Stated Clerk.

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Treasurer's Report.

THOS. H. LAW, TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

I.—CONTINGENT FUND.

	DR.	CR.
To balance in hand last report	$ 27	
To Assessment Bethel Presbytery	55 00	
To Assessment Charleston Presbytery	40 00	
To Assessment Enoree Presbytery	50 00	
To Assessment Harmony Presbytery	30 00	
To Assessment Pee Dee Presbytery	20 00	
To Assessment S. C. Presbytery	50 00	
By net expense printing and distributing Minutes		$ 115 55
By salary Stated Clerk and Treasurer		100 00
By Balance in hand		29 72
	$245 27	$245 27

II.—TOWNSEND FUND.

To Balance in hand beginning of year....	$ 20 84	
To Interest on note.....	140 00	
By paid Dr. McPheeters for Students Mc Cully and Simpson.....		150 00
By Balance in hand.....		10 84
	$160 84	$160 84

Respectfully Submitted, THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

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Report of Permanent Committee on Foreign Mission.

To the Synod of South Carolina :

Your Committee on Foreign Missions, in presenting its report, would, first of all, call attention to the death of our beloved brother, the Rev. Jno. Gillespie Hall, which occurred on the 13th day of last Feburary, after protracted illness, enforcing absence for some time from his work in Cuba. In doing so, we deem it proper to quote the following tribute to him from his fellow-workers in that land : "To us, as a mission, and individually as friends, the death of Rev. John G. Hall is a great loss. His long and varied experience on mission ground, his natural endowment of good judgment and sound conversatism, also his scholarly attainments in the Spanish language, added to his application of tested methods in mission work, made him invaluable to us as counsellor, guide and friend. We who were united with him in bonds forged by kindred interests and aims, as well as by a warm, personal friendship, stand side by side with his distressed family in this dark hour ; for their sorrow is our sorrow."

It is gratifying to know, that those who were most intimately associated with him in his work, held him in such high regard. As a suitable memorial of him wlll donbtless be adopted by the Synod, it is not deemed necessary to say more of him here.

Passing by such facts as relate to the work in general, our report shall be confined to a statement of what has been done within our own bounds since the last meeting of Synod, together with such observations thereupon as may seem appropriate.

1. It is gratifying to note that the contributions sent by us to the Assembly's Committee amounted to $17,342, being an increase of $3,384 over those of the preceding year, and the largest in the history of the Synod.

By Presbyteries, the contributions are as follows, with the increase in each case:

Bethel,	$ 4,009	increase,	$ 266
Charleston,	2,562	"	495
Enoree,	4,168	"	1,393
Harmony,	2,078	"	101
Pee Dee,	1,543	"	405
South Carolina,	2,982	"	724

The average is 82 cents per member, which is about 16 cents below the average for the entire church.

2. Two years ago, there were five of our churches reported as giving not less than four hundred dollars each. Last year, there were eleven such; and this year we are happy to report fourteen, viz; Bethel, Purity, Rock Hill and Yorkville, in Bethel Presbytery; Charleston First, Charleston Second and Columbia First, in Charlesten Presbytery; Greenville First, Laurens First and Spartanbnrg First, in Enoree; Sumter in Harmony; Abbeville, Anderson First and Pelzer, in South Carolina Presbytery.

The total membership of these fourteen churches is 4,926; their contributions, $9,196, an average per member of $1.81. The remaining 260 churches, with a membership of 16,210, gave only $8,146, an average of 50 cents per member.

Seventy three (73) of our churches (27 per cent of the entire number) made no gifts to this cause whatever last year. Most of these churches are small, and many are vacant.

3. From Societies within our bounds, the Treasurer received $3,640, about 21 per cent of the entire amount from the Synod. Five years ago, the societies gave 26 per cent of the whole. The increase for the Synod this year over the gifts at that time is $5,617, or 48 per cent. The increase for the societies is $556, only 18 per cent. The increase in contributions from other sources is $5,061 or 58 per cent.

These figures are significant. They indicate a growth of interest on the part of the men of the church, those who, by virtue of their control of the money, are able to make the largest gifts.

This is most encouraging. The ladies' societies, by faithful effort, have done much for the cause; but we must

arouse the men to do their duty, if the funds are to be obtained in sufficient sum for prosecuting the work.

The advance that has been made in this direction, is beyond question, due to the Forward Movement. By placing a definite object for support before each church, those who have been prosecuting this movement, have aroused an interest hitherto unknown in the churches visited by them.

4. The Rev. J. L. Stuart, Jr., under the direction of the Presbyterial Chairman, and with the co-operation of the Synodical Chairman, spent four weeks in August, conducting a missionary campaign among the churches in South Carolina, Enoree and Bethel Presbyteries. He visited about thirty churches, enlisting same in the Forward Movement, and securing from others funds for sending out Missionaries under appointment of the Assembly's Committee.

5. Only one new Missionary has gone from our Synod since our last meeting, namely, Prof. R. K. Timmons, a member of the Second Church of Columbia, a candidate for the ministry, who has gone to Cardenas, Cuba, to teach in our school there for three years.

6. We earnestly recommend, that all our churches that have not already done so, be urged to enter the Forward Movement by taking shares in the support of particular stations, according to the plan of the Assembly's Committee. These shares are placed at $50 each, and a church may take one or more of them in accordance with its ability.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT ADAMS, Chairman.

4.

Eighth Annual Report of the Synod's Executive Committee of Home Missions.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report of Home Missions work in the bounds of the Synod as conducted by the several Presbyteries and by the Synod's Committee of Home Missions.

We submit for your consideration the Reports of the Chairmen of the various Presbyterial Committees, as follows :

Report of Presbyterial Committees.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY—During the whole or a part of the past year, fifteen churches have been aided by Presbytery in

securing preaching. No new churches have been organized during the year. Six of our churches have Chapels and Sunday Schools in their bounds, where regular and faithful work is done for the Master. Presbytery employs an Evangelist to labor for one half of his time at the quarries in Fairfield County. Presbytery expended during the past year for sustentation and church erection $830.50.

Chalmers Fraser, Chairman.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY—During the year ending Sept. 30th, 1904, Charleston Presbytery, through its Committee of Home Missions aided fourteen churches in keeping a Minister for the whole or a part of the year. Five churches have had regular preaching all the time by a Stated supply and an Evangelist: four have received supplemental aid to pastor's salary; and five have been enabled to keep a supply for most of the time by Presbytery's help. One church has been vacant throughout the entire year. We have now a group of vacant churches which is eagerly lacking for a permanent, resident pastor. Several individual churches and pastors are engaged in evangelistic labors in connection with their regular work. There has been no notable increase in church membership. Presbytery's Committee is engaged in sustentation only.

The Chairman of this Committee would respectfully call attention to, and heartily commend the activities of Synod's Evangelist, Rev. W. H. Mills. His work is in the factory districts of the Horse Creek Valley in the bounds of this Presbytery. This field is one of great needs and peculiar difficulties, and requires the most intelligent conduct, diligent activity and very unusual self-sacrifice on the part of the Evangelist. This faithful, conscientious servant of the Church and this needy field deserve the continued and increased aid and encouragement of the Synod. The services as actually rendered at present are valuable, but even more valuable potentially, when looking to the future.

Rev. R. G. McLees and Rev. F. H. Wardlaw have conducted three successful protracted meetings within the bounds of the Presbytery. These meetings have not only added considerably to the membership of the church but have been a blessing in many other ways.

Charleston Presbytery gave to Home Missions within its own bounds during the year, exclusive of amounts contributed as "Self-support," $1,039.98. Charleston Presbytery

gave to Synod's work $568.71, making a total of $1,608.69 contributed to the cause of Local Home Missions.

Frank Dudley Jones, Chairman.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY—We have raised for our own work during the year, $450.00 ; have expended $200.00 ; and now have on hand $497.00.

Assistance has been given to the Trough Shoals and Macarter churches and to the groups served by Dr. W. S. Bean in the support of their pastors ; also to a mission work at the Monarch Mills in Union. Besides, the First churches of Greenville, Spartanburg and Clinton have made special contributions to the support of local mission work among the cotton mill operatives.

The Rev. W. C. Smith has been employed, as during the preceding year, in colportage work, for a part of the time and his salary has been paid out of the Home Mission funds.

The Presbytery has authorized the employment of a Superintendent of Home Missions, and efforts have been made to secure a man for this position, but thus far without success.

Robert Adams, Chairman.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY—Reports to Synod that its Local Home Mission work has greatly brightened since its last report. Then there were sixteen vacant churches, now there are actually or prospectively in the near future, but four. Three of our four groups have called pastors who will be installed as soon as practicable.

Besides this, the Presbytery has employed an evangelist, the Rev. Carl Barth of Montgomery Presbytery at a salary of $1,000.00 per annum, to labor throughout their bounds. This was made possible through the liberality of 40 godly men who gave $25.00 each to the cause.

This Presbytery hopes with the blessing of God on the labors of these three new pastors and of the Evangelist to do better work for their weaker churches in the future than in the past.

We have to deplore the temporary vacancy of three of our self-supporting churches through the resignation of their pastors, two of them on account of physical infirmities and the other by removal to another field.

Our local home mission collections for the year amounted to $300.00. This money is used, when needed, to supplement the salaries of our weaker groups.

N. W. Edmunds, Chairman.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERY—During the past year, all of our churches, except the church of Orange Hill have been supplied with regular preaching services. We have endeavored to supply the Orange Hill church, but have been unable to do so ; we hope, however, to be able to arrange for a supply in the near future. Our Evengelist, Rev. C. E. Robertson, has been laboring faithfully in Horry County, and although the work is more than one man can do, he has, nevertheless, been untiring in his efforts and God is blessing his labors.

One new church has been organized in our bounds, at Lamar, Darlington County, and an earnest effort is now being made to erect a house of worship at that point. One church has been assisted in paying its pastor regularly and this is the only church that has required such assistance during the past year. We feel that the outlook in our Presbytery is bright and with God's blessing, even though we are weak in numbers : we hope to accomplish much for the Master's cause. D. M. Fulton, Chairman.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRERBYTERY—During the past year we have supplemented salaries of ministers in seventeen churches, three mission points have been supplied regularly. At Belton, S. C., a house of worship has been built at a cost of $1,700.00, to which we have appropriated $200.00 ; another house of worship is being built at Fair Play, S. C., for which we have appropriated $50.00. We have expended in our work $800.00 and have on hand to our credit $453.07. Our work is conducted on a cash basis. All of our churches are supplied with the preached word except one group, but we hope very soon to see a pastor located in this group. Our work has been blessed and many of our churches that have been sustained for years are becoming self-supporting. We have had gracious revivals in many of our churches, a number of precious souls added to the Lord.

W. S. Hamiter, Chairman.

Work in the following section has been maintained this past year : In Horry County, Rev. C. E. Robertson, Evangelist ; and in the Horse Creek Valley, Rev. Wm. H. Mills, Evangelist. Owing to the death of Rev. J. E. Dunlop, the Georgetown field has been vacant since December. Persistent efforts on the part of the Superintendent to supply this work have resulted so far, in failure. There is a good prospect, however, of securing a supply at an early date. Owing to the condition of this field and the fact that the congregation there offers a much larger amount on salary than before,

it has been considered wise to place a man there for all his time. He will be expected to look after the interests of the church in the contiguous territory, and develop preaching points where possible.

The general Evangelistic work, as planned by the Synod at its last meeting has been carried out by Rev. R. G. McLees, assisted by Rev. F. H. Wardlaw.

We submit herewith the report of the Evangelists.

I.

Report of Rev. C. E. Robertson.

To the Synodical Committee of Home Missions of South Carolina:

Oct. 5, 1904.

Dear Brethren: Since my last report my health has improved very much indeed. I was not able to resume regular work until December last. Since that time I have missed three appointments on account of having chills. This has been a very unhealthy year with us. We have lost several very valuable members by death and I have buried more people this year than all the rest of my work in the ministry combined. I inclose my financial report up to October 1, showing that I have been paid in full up to that date. By comparison you will see that this work has fallen short of its contributions last year, which is due to the fact that each church has had to make unusual expenditures in the interest of the churches.

Waccamaw has just finished putting on an entire new wall on the exterior of church and has painted both the interior and exterior and has purchased a new pulpit suit. Bayboro has purchased an organ at $75.00 and painted the exterior of that church. Kingston is accumulating a fund for the purpose of erecting a mance on a lot purchased in January for that purpose. These were necessary and useful expenditures or I should have insisted that some of them should not have been made. We have had twenty members added to the Kingston church since my last report and five to the Waccamaw Church. I have not felt able to hold a continued meeting at Bayboro yet, but hope to do so soon. I preached there last Sabbath (by special request) on the distinctive features of Presbyterianism. The church was crowded both morning and evening and they gave a listening

ear and requested me to continue, which I hope to do. Pray for this work. Respectfully Submitted,

C. E. Robertson.

II.

Report of Wm. H. Mills.

To the Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Synod of South Carolina. Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., Chairman, Charleston, S. C.

Dear Sir and Brethren: Your Evangelist, laboring in the bounds of Charleston Presbytery, in the Horse Creek Valley Manufacturing district, would respectfully report:

I. As to Preaching Services.

1. That services have been held at *Clearwater* on the first Sabbath of each month, in the morning and afternoon. The attendance has been increasing and as compared with last year is very gratifying.

2. That services have been held at *Graniteville* on the first and third Sabbath afternoons. The congregations are usually quite small, smaller indeed than last year because two families of Presbyterians that were regular attendants, have moved away.

3. That no services have been held at *Langley* or at *Bath* for the lack of suitable preaching places; and services have not been elsewhere attempted for the same reason.

4. Your evangelist has used the Sabbaths not employed as above, viz., the second and fourth, in attending worship at the Methodist and Baptist churches; and in preaching for them as opportunity was given. Also he has presented the cause of the "Horse Creek Valley Hospital Association" in nearly every church in the whole valley. His observation is that among all the churches there is little interest; the congregations are small and the influence of the church seems but feeble. Most of the ministers desire their support in some other way than strictly from the members of their churches.

II. House to House Visitation.

Without devoting all of my time to this work, I have visited as much as possible. Two deaconesses are necessary to the proper prosecution of this work. I could spend every day in merely visiting the sick and afflicted, and then not go any too often to their homes.

III.

Practical Work.

Your evangelist was so much impressed last year with the lack of good medical attention and nursing that he determined to relieve the situation if possible. He associated with himself several gentlemen of the highest standing in the whole district, and together they obtained from the Secretary of State a regular charter of incorporation as "Horse Creek Valley Hospital Association."

The association proposes to build and maintain a Hospital upon the co-operative or mutual assurance plan. The whole movement may now be said to be well under way. . . . . We feel confident that this work is but following out the teaching and example of our Savior when He said, "Preach the gospel, heal the sick," and of whom it was so truly said, Matt. 8 : 17, "Himself took our infirmities and bore our diseases." Should our plans fully materialize, we believe that our Hospital will be the pioneer, and that others modelled upon it, will appear in like communities, to the great relief and comfort of the sick and afflicted.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. H. Mills.

IV.

Report of Rev. R. G. McLees.

To the Executive Committee of Home Missions, Synod of South Carolina :

Brethren :—I entered upon my work in the acpacity of General Evangelist the 1st of December last, and since then have held twenty protracted meetings, distributed through the Presbyteries as follows : In Bethel, I held meetings in Rock Hill and Winnsboro ; in Charleston, at Westminister Church, Charleston, Wilton and Aiken ; in Enoree, at Lockhart, Mt. Calvary, Nazareth, Fountain Inn and 1st Church Greenville ; in Harmony, at Kingstree, Wedgefield, Sumter and Georgetown ; in Pee Dee, at Dillon, McColl and Conway ; in South Carolina, at Central of Anderson, Abbeville and Pendleton. Three other meetings remain to be held before the close of the year. Two of these will be given to Bethel, one at Lowryville and the other at Jefferson and one to South Carolina at Edgefield.

In all of these twenty meetings, I was assisted by the

Rev. F. H. Wardlaw, who led the singing. As one of the results of these meetings, there were added to the Presbyterian church some 300 members on profession of faith, and about 25 by letter. Truly the Lord hath prospered the work and to Him we give all the glory.

Respectfully submitted,
R. G. McLees.

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Report of Rev. F. H. Wardlaw.

To the Executive Committee of Home Missions, Synod of South Carolina:

Brethren:—Not being able to give up the pastorate immediately, I did not assume the duties assigned me as Superintendent of Home Missions until the first of last January. A great part of my work has been assisting in the meetings conducted by Mr. McLees. Since I began the work, he has held eighteen meeting, in all of which I have assisted. In addition to these, I have held two meetings, one at Westminister, which Bro. McLees was prevented from holding by reason of illness in the home, and one at Allison Creek Church in Bethel Presbytery.

In all the churches where meetings were held, the Home Mission work was given a hearing, being presented either by the Evangelist or myself. Besides these, I visited on the Sabbaths, twenty-eight churches, in every case presenting the cause and in most cases taking a cash offering.

Letters by the dozen have been written in the effort to secure a successor to Rev. J. E. Dunlop at Georgetown, but not until lately have we received any encouraging replies. We hope soon to have this place filled. In a good many instances where the churches have not been under the charge of your Committee, I have endeavored to assist in locating pastors.

In addition to the meetings held by the Synod's Evangelist, about thirty others have been conducted by brethren of the Synod, which meetings were arranged for by me. About half of these have been reported to us and their result is an aggregate of 70 souls added to the Presbyterian church on profession of faith.

It has also been my privilege to assist Rev. J. A. Wilson in securirg a church building for Hamer, S. C.

Another provisional offer of $200.00 was made this year,

the condition being that $800.00 more be raised in subscriptions of $200.00 or $100.00 each. I have about exhausted the catalogue of possibilities but without success so far.

My personal opinion with regard to the work in general is that there is abundant room for encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Wardlaw.

RECEIPTS.

Bethel Presbytery.

Zion	$ 23 00
Aimwell	9 00
Longtown	6 60
Simpsons	1 00
Beth Shiloh	7 47
Allison Creek	17 00
Clover	24 00
Ft. Lawn	2 45
Oakland	4 16
Beersheba	5 00
Mt. Olivet	8 00
Hopewell	1 30
Lebanon	6 00
Union	8 00
Rock Hill	141 00
Jefferson	6 25
McBee	2 10
Bowling Green	13 00
Pleasant Grove	8 70
Concord	7 55
Bethel	53 00
Bethesda S. S.	20 00
Bethesda	15 00
Salem	1 75
Sion	97 69
Catholic	12 00
Hebron	10 00
Olivet	6 00
Uriel	4 00
Bullocks Creek	7 41
White Oak	2 30
Richburg	6 50
Ruby	2 00

Mizpah	1 50
Ebenezer	7 56
Calvary	3 00
Ft. Mill	10 00
Lancaster	25 55
Total	$586 84

Charleston Presbytery.

Aiken	$ 76 50
Langley	2 80
Summerville Woman's Missionary Society	31 74
Honey Creek	6 30
Bambreg	4 10
Blackville	5 00
Denmark	4 00
Barnwell	1 50
Walterboro	18 00
Wilton	20 00
Charleston 1st	43 00
Charleston Westminister	110 13
Orangeburg	50 00
Mt. Pleasant	3 00
Columbia, 1st	45 00
Aiken	26 70
Corinth	2 55
Columbia 2nd	20 49
John's Island and Wadmalaw	7 00
Aiken	65 45
Charleston, 2nd	20 15
Mrs. Jno. Paul, Charleston	5 00
Total	$568 71

Enoree Presbytery.

Mt. Vernon	$ 1 55
W. W. Simpson, Treaurer	25 00
Greenville 1st Church	7 00
Greenville 2nd Church	15 00
Fairforest	6 00
Greenville, 1st Church	50 00
W. W. Simpson, Treasurer	108 00
Union	12 34
Lockhart	50 00

Mt. Calvary	34 20
Woodruff	14 35
Nazareth	33 45
Limestone	1 30
Fairview	8 20
Laurens	20 11
Total	$386 50

Harmony Presbytery.

Bethel	$ 6 25
Georgetown	2 00
Georgetown	11 33
Wedgefield	21 50
Midway	2 25
Camden	13 40
Sumter	70 00
Wedgefield	7 70
Indiantown	20 35
Manning	12 80
Hephzibah	5 00
Salem (B. R.)	24 84
Salem (B. R.) S. S.	2 20
Summerton	7 00
Union	8 05
Bishopville	18 00
Mayesville	32 10
Williamsburg	47 05
Indiantown	32 55
Central	3 40
Concord	10 00
Tirzah	6 35
Midway	4 65
Hebron	2 40
Total	$371 17

Pee Dee Presbytery.

Kingston	$ 34 31
Waccamaw	53 85
Darlington	22 11
E. & I. D. Bennettsville	2 00
Clio	1 00
Dillon	59 03
Red Bluff	35 87

Darlington	83 86
Bennettsville	14 97
Kentyre	23 65
Hartsville	8 00
Timmonsville	175 00
Kingston	43 41
Waccamaw	69 34
Dumbarton	1 72
Marion	17 46
Florence	40 91
Pee Dee	8 30
Blenheim	6 00
Bayboro	4 62
Florence	27 80
Total	$733 21

South Carolina Presbytery.

Coronaca	$ 3 98
Good Hope	4 15
Rev. H. R. Murchison	5 00
Anderson, Central	73 99
Abbeville	89 79
Morris	4 98
Trenton	96
Easley	7 15
L. W. White, Abbeville	25 00
A Friend, Abbeville	100 00
Fair Play	3 20
Lebanon	3 50
Walhalla	3 42
Donalds	2 35
Pendleton	25 67
Ninty Six	17 61
Roberts	4 00
Richland	9 71
Hodges	6 15
Aveleigh	12 85
Westminister	42 69
Greenville	3 00
Fort Hill	13 20
Fort Hill	7 96
Smyrna	3 90
Seneca	10 00
Trenton	1 03

Johnston	2 00
Greenwood	67 67
Total	$554 91

Receipts by Presbyteries.

Bethel	$ 586 84
Charleston	568 71
Enoree	386 50
Harmony	371 17
Pee Dee	733 21
South Carolina	554 91
Total	$3,201 34

Disbursements.

1. Salaries:

W. H. Mills	$ 791 33	
C. E. Robertson	641 63	
J. E. Dunlop	76 66	
R. G. McLees	500 00	
F. H. Wardlaw	450 00	—$2,459 62

2. Expenses:

To Jas. McDowell	$ 25 00
To Exp. E. E. Ervin to Georgetown	20 00
To Traveling Exp. R. G. McLees	97 29
To Traveling Exp. F. H. Wardlaw	157 19
To D. J. Winn, Treas. Harmony Presbytery by error	3 00
Postage, printing, stationery	10 38
To Incidentals	75 00
To expenses of Com. meeting.	16 10
Total	$403 96
Balance in Bank	$ 552 85

ALEXANDER SPRUNT,
Chairman.

5.

Report of Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry and Synod of South Carolina.

Of the 315 candidates and 53 licentiates reported to last Assembly, 25 candidates and four licentiates belong to this Synod.

The total number of candidates in the Southern church increased only one during the year ending with the Assembly, while in the Northern church the increase was ninety-one. In this Synod the number of candidates is the same as last year, while our licentiates are four in place of six. Our Presbyteries reported having received thirteen new candidates to last Synod, while to this Synod they report only two.

Our candidates are distributed among the Presbyteries as follows: Charleston has 6, Harmony 3 and Pee Dee 3, all unlicensed. Enoree and South Carolina have each one licentiate, while the former has 6 and the latter 4 unlicensed. Bethel has 2 licensed and 3 unlicensed. We have as last year 16 in the Seminary: Columbia has 12, Princeton 2, Union, Va., and S. W. P. U. one each—4 in junior, 4 middle, 8 senior and one in post graduates study.

We have 7 in college this year against 9 last year: 4 in Davidson, 2 in Clinton, 1 in S. W. P. U.—2 in sophmore, 3 in junior, 2 in senior, and no freshmen.

Harmony Presbytery reports one student in a preparatory school, but does not know what school, as the candidate is independent of aid. Query: Is the only duty of Presbyterial care to give pecuniary aid?

None have been dropped during the year. Four are reported as not studying. One is agent for Davidson and three are at work to supplement funds.

The Central committee aided 18 of our candidates—4 each from Bethel, Enoree and Charleston, 3 from South Carolina and 2 from Harmony and one from Pee Dee. They were paid $1,365, all but two or three receiving the full appropriation.

Our Presbyteries contributed to the committee as follows: Bethel $337, Enoree $200, Harmony $219, Pee Dee $380, South Carolina $320, Charleston $224, Total $1,680. Some contributions have gone in since this report was made. Charleston Presbytery report $600, aid given directly to students, a large part of those of other Presbyteries.

Notice we have paid to the committee a little more than we have received. Our total contribution to the committee

has slightly increased. But our smallest Presbytery, Pee Dee, makes the largest contribution, while Enoree of the strong Presbyteries makes the smallest contribution. The Presbyteries in the lower part of the State have increased contributions while the strong ones in the upper part of the State have lessened their gifts. What is the matter? Six of our students received $100 each from Students' Fund.

Pee Dee reports one candidate not diligent. With this single exception Presbyteries all report favorably as to the diligence and deportment of our candidates.

As to effort to arouse interest in the claims of the ministry. Charleston, Enoree and South Carolina report such effort. Charleston directed every minister and supply to preach on the call of the ministry before Synod took such action. Dr. Watkins addressed the students of Clinton College in Enoree, but at request of Central committee, we presume South Carolina does not describe the effort within her bounds.

Enoree only has during the year added to her standing rules, (which is well enough as she didn't add to her contributions.) She now requires the chairman of her Permanent committee as far as possible to secure notes promising to refund from those abandoning study for the ministry after receiving aid.

The Synod will take notice that we have had during the year only half as many juniors as seniors in the Seminary. No freshmen in college and have received only two new candidates this year against thirteen last year.

I need not tell you what these facts mean. It does not comfort us to read in the report of the committee on Vacancy and Supply to the last Northern Assembly that "The Alliance (of Presbyterian churches throughout the world) has found that the great majority of the Protestant churches in all countries find themselves confronted with an insufficient supply of ministers for their congregations, and in addition a decreasing number of candidates for the ministry," and to see it elsewhere stated by competent authority that the number of Theological students in Europe and America is only half what it was ten years ago. Unless the current of events change the church will find herself by and by without a ministry. We do not know what God in his love and power might do with his church bereft of her ministry, but we do know that in the past souls have not been gathered or benevolences supported as a rule in vacant churches. Therefore we turn our eyes anxiously to the future. May our Redeemer have mercy now upon the church which is his body. While we pray, breth-

ren, let us refuse to theorize further and enquire for the duty of the hour.

We notice that our committee has had suitable men to visit twenty-five institutions over the church and lay before the students the claims of the ministry. Some good has doubtless been accomplished this way. But do you not remember that in your time the great majority of candidates came to college as candidates, their decisions having been reached prior to their departure from home. Unless the church can arouse pastor and parent to their duty and through them reach the hearts of the children with the claims of the ministry, we do not look for large increase of volunteers. If the exact truth as to the percentage of men, who undergo radical change of character or purpose after the ages of twelve or fourteen were set before us, not a one of us would credit the statement. The church now gets the vast majority of her accessions from the ranks of the children and statistics show that as accessions increase candidates increase. The growing Presbytery of Enoree has not had a candidate in five years except from the Thornwell Orghanage where strong home religious influence is exerted in children. Why not face the facts and inquire whether we do not refuse to go far enough up the stream of life before we seek to turn its course toward the vineyard of the ministry? It is not uncommon to find ourselves so afraid of doing wrong that we wont do right.

These remarks are not meant to teach that the obligation to preach does not rest upon men in mature years or that the church should relax her effort to awaken them to a sense of it.

We esteem it fortunate that our church has consolidated its Relief and Education committees. For unless some sort of an object lesson is kept before the church to awaken her to the fact that she is as much bound to care for the worn out as the beginner, and unless she awakens to the further duty of giving the body of the ministry a support which will free them from worldly cares and avocations, she may expect to find herself in time without a ministry. It is no use to say that she ought not to organize churches unable to support ministers. Our strongest churches would not have been here today had such faithless wisdom been followed in the past. It is no use to say that feeble churches ought not to be organized except where there is a certain prospect of growth. We defy any man to tell what road the trend of material progress will take next in our southland. God is making the prospects of growth every day in his providence, and making them where we thought it foolish yesterday to look for them.

What are we to do? Why, cover as much territory with your preaching as you can and keep it covered. We should organize little churches, yes, every where. These are the baskets we must have to gather the fruits of our home mission work. The parent court must devise ways and means to support the ministry that feeds the little churches more liberally than the churches can do it.

Now if we have found that we cannot support the talent needed for the higher development of the mind without endowments, how long will it be before we find out that we can not support the order of talent needed and demanded by the church for the development of what is above the mind—the spiritual man, without endowments? When the church courts see this and keep before the hearts of the people the great necessity for such funds, they will gather them as time moves on. Uncertain collections can not afford all the prompt and certain support needed by many to carry on the work of the church. The free churches of other lands long ago realized this, and we will have to do it, if we are to collect a larger and stronger ministry as the age demands it.

Recommendations:

1. As we sadly need our students at home and as more than thirty southern students are attending institutions out of our bounds, we ask our Presbyterial committees to use all means their prudence dictates to get our young men to attend our own Seminaries.

2. As preaching once on a topic of such movement cannot discharge our full duty, we urge our ministers to put before the church, the parents and the young earnestly in connection with our next collection the great need of ministers.

3. We urge our people to contribute liberally to the cause of education and not to forget to pray the Lord of the harvest for more laborers.

4. We recommend that the roll be now called and inquiry made as to whether ministers have presented to their congregations the nature of a call to the ministry and the need of ministers.

B. P. Reid,
Chairman.

6.

Report of the Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work.

The Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath Schools would respectfully report to the Synod of South Carolina in session at Clinton, S. C.

I.—AS TO PUBLICATION WORK.

This department of our church's work has been progressing very rapidly and successfully. Each year marks some advance over the previous one. On last March the committee entered into its new and well appointed building with appropriate dedicatory services. This building is located on North Sixth street in the best retail district of Richmond.

The number of pages issued by our committee is rapidly increasing. The grand total for the past year being 53,143,350. The books, pamphlets and Sabbath School literature are varied to suit the needs of the church and are of a high order, both as to matter and mechanical makeup.

The committee considers itself fortunate in securing the entire time of Rev. R. A. Lapsley, as editor of our Sabbath School periodicals. Also the aid of Rev. Dr. C. R. Hemphill, Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore, in preparing critical notes, and Mrs. W. C. Edmondson to prepare the lesson treatment for the primary publications and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Allan as literary editor of the Children's Friend.

The publishing department is self supporting. The net earnings for the past year on a business of $92,201, were $8,485. Of this amount $7,217 were appropriated to benevolent work by the Assembly's Committee.

The collections for this cause amounted to $12,565. Itemized as follows: 1,002 Sunday Schools contributed $6,335; 956 churches contributed $6,061. Strange to say that the Sabbath Schools contributed the larger part. There was a gain in the total over last year to the amount of $2,231.

II.—AS TO THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The General Superintendent, Rev. A. L. Phillips, D.D., has been steadily pushing this work by a most thorough organization throughout the church and great results are following his labors. His zeal and ability is recognized and un-

der his leadership we may expect to see great improvement in the methods used and the courses adopted in our Sabbath Schools.

Notwithstanding all that has been and is being done there is great need to stimulate our weaker churches to their duty along this line. A glance at the reports of our Presbyteries convince us of this statement. Bethel has 57 churches and only 42 report.

Charleston's proportion is	32	churches to	22	Sabbath Schools	
Enoree's	"	57	"	38	"
Harmony's	"	34	"	23	"
Pee Dee's	"	29	"	19	"
South Carolina's	"	65	"	34	"

This is a problem which each Presbytery should solve in some way. If the members of a given church are too scattered there should be introduced a Home Department to stimulate systematic Bible study.

III.—AS TO YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETIES.

It is considered highly important to organize and train up our young people in the various forms of church work. It cannot be said that our churches have become very enthusiastic along this line as yet. There is certainly no uniformity. There are 72 such societies reported within our bounds, which makes only a small per centage of the churches.

Hugh R. Murchison,
Chairman.

7.

Report of Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization.

Your Committee on Colored Evangelization respectfully report:

I. On The Educational Work.

The last session of Stillman Institute was one of the most prosperous in its history. There were 72 students enrolled as against 51 the preceding year and 35 the year before that.

One half of the students are candidates for the Gospel ministry.

The curriculum had been changed by the elimination of Latin and Greek, psychology and logic, and by laying more emphasis on a plain English education and "the fluent read-

ing and sensible interpretation of the Bible." Recognizing the hand of God in so wonderfully using the graduates of this school to carry the Gospel to the African tribes, there has also been added a course for special preparation of those students who signify their desire to go as missionaries to the Congo.

The increased number of students necessitated enlarged equipment for their accommodation. To secure this, class and dormitory rooms in the incompleted dormitory building were finished at a cost of about $500. In addition to this improvement the Committee also purchased 25 acres of land adjoining the present property for the sum of $2,250. By the purchase of this land the Institute now owns and occupies a tract of 45 acres which furnishes more ample facilities for the development of some practical plan for the selfsupport of the students and the cultivation in them of industrious habits.

The Committee has encouraged the establishment of parochial schools which are to be conducted under its supervision in addition to the work at Stillman Institute. Of these there are only three at present in all the wide field of our Church, viz., the Furguson-Williams College at Abbeville, S. C., which has an enrolment of over 200; the J. H. Alexander Academy at Vicksburg, Miss., with an enrolment of 130: and a small school at North Wilkesboro, N. C.,

2. On Evangelistic Work.

Thirty pastors and evangelists have ministered to 85 churches during the year. There were added to the Church on profession of faith 134 persons.

Very little new work has been undertaken, owing to the demand in the present fields and limited resources.

In the judgment of the Committee one of the most efficient evangelistic agencies for the negroes is the establishment among them of Sabbath-schools conducted by white Superintendents and teachers. Nevertheless, it is with regret, that we have to report that the number of such schools is not increasing.

3. On Church Contributions.

The amount received from the churches last year was $8,612.89 as against $8,470 the year preceding. A comparison of these figures will show an increase of only $142,89. The churches contributed to this Cause last year $13,609 as against $11,170 the preceding year, which is an increase of $2,439. Comparing the amount received by the Committee with that reported by the churches we observe that there is

considerable effort being made by individual local churches in behalf of the colored people.

According to the reports of the churches, the Synod of South Carolina contributed to this Cause year before last $696, this being about three and one-third cents per member, while last year it gave $907, or about four and one-half cents per member. This increase of the last over the preceding year was probably due to the special effort made to liquidate the debt contracted by the purchase of the Ferguson-Williams College.

Of the 274 churches in the Synod, 118, nearly one-half, contributed nothing to this Cause. According to the Assembly's Minutes.—

In Bethel Pres.	12	of the	57	churches	contrib. nothing.
" Charleston	" 17	"	" 32	"	" "
" Enoree	" 25	"	" 57	"	" "
" Harmony	" 16	"	" 34	"	" "
" Pee. Dee	" 12	"	" 29	"	" "
" S. C.	" 36	"	" 63	"	" "

The Synod is yet indebted to Mr. Smith of Abbeville for the Ferguson-Williams College to the amount of $457.00.

In conclusion:

1. We earnestly request all the churches to contribute to this Cause:

2. We call upon our people to contribute more liberally to this Home Missionary work. With many open doors to efforts whose results it is believed, will be glorious, yet the work cannot be extended without additional funds:

3. We urgently entreat the Presbyteries and churches to pay immediately their proportionate part yet due of the debt on the Ferguson-Williams College:

4. The Assembly recommends that $15,000 be raised this year for Colored Evangelization. This Synod's proportion of that amount is about $1,300.

S. C. Byrd,
Chairman.

8.

Report of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause.

This has been an eventful year in the history of our Bible Work. Just as we were making ready to celebrate on the 6th day of March, the Centennial note of the inauguration of Free Bible Distribution, as marked by the organization of the

British and Foreign Bible Society,---The American Bible Society, through the continued falling off of receipts, especially from legacies, found itself confronted with a financial crisis which threatened the serious curtailment of the work.

The Field Agents were summoned to New York for conference with the officers at headquarters where the critical situation was carefully and anxiously canvassed, and measures were devised for its relief. It was determined to issue appeals to the public, and especially to known friends and supporters of the Cause; to emphasize the observance of "Universal Bible Sunday," as the 6th day of March had come to be called, and raise collections that day; and to make personal application for individual gifts to the Society in its emergency.

These efforts, we are happy to report proved, successful. A widespread and hearty interest was awakened; the Bible Cause was largely discussed through the press and the pulpit; Bible Sunday was extensively observed; many special collections were raised, and numerous individuals responded promptly and generously to the appeals, So that funds began soon to flow in, the immediate danger was averted, and the work has gone on. For all this we are profoundly thankful.

In this connection it is specially gratifying to note the marked advance made by our own Church in contributions to this Cause. The reports of the churches to the last Assembly show an increase over those of the year previous of $1,935, about 40 per cent.

And in our own Synod the increase is encouraging. Correcting errors of addition which appear in the Assembly's tables. 124 churches this year report $891, as against 106 churches reporting $712 last year. To be more specific:

Of Bethel Presbytery	43	churches	report	$556 00
Of Charleston Presbytery	9	"	"	86 00
Of Enoree Presbytery	20	"	"	96 00
Of Harmony Presbytery	15	"	"	120 00
Of Pee Dee Presbytery	15	"	"	120 00
South Carolina Presbytery	22	"	"	113 00

The published receipts of the American Bible Society also show that individual gifts from persons belonging to our Synod were sent in, amounting to $401, making our contributions for the year aggregate $1,292. This is especially pleasing, and encourages the hope that our people have awakened to a greater interest in this important Cause, and

have attained a higher standard in their gifts to it, which we trust will be maintained in the future.

As to the present condition of the Work, reports from headquarters show that while the gifts of the living continue to mark a decided increase, legacies have again fallen off, and to such an extent as to make the receipts of the Treasury considerably smaller than those of last year up to this date, threatening again the maintenance of the Work. And this is the more to be regretted because opportunities in the foreign field are steadily increasing, and the demand growing heavier and heavier. Instead of curtailment, the work ought to be greatly extended in order to promote the evangalization of the world as the providence of God is leading us.

From all these facts we may gather some lessons which should be seriously taken to heart at the present time :

1. This work ought not to be left to the contingency of legacies as a means of support. It is too important, too essentially involved in all the Church's operations and progress, to be subjected to so doubtful a sonrce of income. Like other causes it should be maintained by the regular gifts of the living, who accompany their contributions with their constant prayers and efforts.

2. This Cause ought to be thrust forward more prominently upon the churches for their direct support. Emergency appeals to individuals cannot be successfully repeated often, and our churches should be brought into more general and liberal support of it in their systematic contributions.

3. Our people seem willing to give it when they are made acquainted with it and hear its wants. We should therefore take advantage of the present fresh interest and press the claims of the cause more fully upon their support.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. LAW, Chairman.

9.

Report of the Committee on Church and Christian Education.

Your Committee believes that the wisest thing it can do in this report is to give a general survey of the work that is now being done for Church and Christian Education by the Presbyterian Church in the State of South Carolina. Before

giving this survey we wish to quote the definition of the term Church and Christian Education given by the Assembly's Committee in their Report last May. "The phrase Church and Christian Education was coined advisedly to include primarily all schools under ecclesiastical control by any court of the church from a session to the General Assembly; then schools controlled by voluntary associations of church members in the interests of the church; and then all schools, whether public or private, taught by christians, using such methods, and giving such instruction as may promote the morality and piety of the pupils." You will notice that this definition is very broad and includes even private schools that are distinctively christian. With this definition we pass on to our report.

The Presbyterians of South Carolina have three institutions of higher learning that are under the direct control of the church.

1. The first and oldest of these is Columbia Theological Seminary. We are all familiar with the long years of splendid service this noble institution has given to our church. This need not be rehearsed in our report. Besides the seminiary makes a full report to this body. But in this connection we do wish most earnestly to call your attention to a recommendation made by the last Assembly. It is as follows: "That our Synods and Presbyteries be urged to active effort in increasing the endowment equipment of our Theological Seminaries. The need for a learned and thoroughly furnished ministry is perpetual, and always urgent. Our Seminaries need full and continually expanding equipment in the way of new, well endowed professorships, and libraries, lectureships, and fellowships, to encourage and secure profound scholarships in all branches of Biblical and theological learning."

2. The second institution in which the Presbyterians of South Carolina have an interest and a partial control is Davidson College. It happens to be located just across the line in North Carolina and yet we must not forget that it is ours. We find it noted that in October 1835, Bethel Presbytery voted to join Concord Presbytery in founding Davidson College. From that day to this we have not ceased to have a large interest in and a partial control of that honored institution. It is with great pleasure that we hear of the progress that Davidson is making in every way and that this promises to be the most prosperous year in her history. Again we wish to call your attention to a recommendation of the last Assmbly. It is as follows: "That Presbyterians and Synods be urged to enlarge and strengthen existing his-

torical collegiate institutions under their control, so that the youths trained in them shall not be inferior in culture and scholarships to the graduates of other Colleges."

3. The third and youngest institution of higher learning under direct Church control is the Presbyterian College at Clinton. For some years this has been under the partial control of the Presbyteries of South Carolina. There is now a movement on foot to so amend the charter that it shall be under the entire control of the Presbyteries. This will no doubt be effected at the next meeting of the legislature. We regard this as a decided step forward in the Cause of Christian Education in the State. This College has already done some splendid work and we believe that under the new charter a career of larger usefulness is before it. We bespeak for it the hearty sympathy and support of the Presbyterians of South Carolina.

In addition to these higher institutions there are two high schools under church control within the bounds of our Synod that are doing splendid work.

1. The Presbyterial High School of Pee Dee Presbytery, located at Florence. This School is in a most flourishing condition and is looking forward to enlarging its present facilites in the near future.

2. The other is the High School in Columbia under the control of the Second Presbyterian Church. The reports which come to us from this school are very gratify ing. This is proving to be one of the most prosperous years of its history.

Hitherto the Presbyterian church has done very little for female Education in South Carolina. We are glad to report that this is to be so no longer. There is a movement on foot to have two female colleges of high order under Presbyterial Control in this State.

1. The first is Chicora College at Greenville. The Presbyteras of Bethel, Enoree, and South Carolina have agreed to assume control of this institution provided money can be raised to pay a debt of fifteen thousand dollars. Rev. G. G. Mayes is now in the field as an agent of these Presbyteries and is meeting with splendid success in raising this money. As a private institution Chicora has done an excellent work. We believe that she is now about to enter upon a career of larger usefulness.

2. At its recent meeting Bethel Presbytery expressed its willingness to assume control of the Woman's College in Columbia and appointed a committee to prepare a suitable plan of administration. Everybody in the State is familiar

with the high character of the work done by this institution. It will be an honor to the Presbyterians of South Carolina.

The establishment of these too well known female colleges as Presbyterian institutions will be a long step forward in the cause of Christian Education in our Synod.

According io the definition given at the beginning of this report we feel that there are three other institutions which ought to be mentioned here.

1. One is Converse College. It claims distinctly to be non-sectarian and yet it is distinctly christian not only so but its president is a Presbyterian Minister, a member of this Synod, and there is a decidedly Presbyterian influence around the College.

2. The Second one is Clifford Seminary at Union, which is a private school but which is thoroughly Christian and thoroughly Presbyterian. This institution is in a highly prosperous condition.

3. The third is the Catawba Male Academy at Rock Hill. This was formerly the Presbyterial High School of Bethel Presbytery but has passed into private hands.

However, it still remains distinctively Christian. It has a thoroughgoing course in the English Bible, taught by Dr. D. J. Brimm; a member of this body. This school too is making a splendid success.

This report would not be complete if we failed to mention a school under our supervision which stands in a class to itself, the Thornwell Orphanage, the ornament and charm of this beautiful town in which the Synod now holds its sessions. For 29 years this noble institution, formed in the faith, love and zeal of our esteemed brethern W. P. Jacobs, D. D. has afforded a bright and happy home for the fatherless and has trained for life duties the many orphans committed to its care, furnishing them, along with excellent manual training in machanical and domestic arts, a sound literary education, which have fitted them for self support and usefulness in life. There are now within its walls over 200 pupils, and the institution is in a moist, prosperous condition, promising continually increasing usefulness.

When we thus take a general survey of what is being done for the cause of Christian Education there is no reason for feeling pessimistic over the outlook. It seems to us that their is a forward movement all along the line. For this we are profoundly grateful to our Heavenly Father.

We have no recommendations to make except to reiterate the strong recommendations of the Assembly quoted above

and to urge our people to earnest effort all along the line of Christian Education.

Walter L. Lingle,
Chairman.

10.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Theological Seminary for the Year ending May 11, 1904.

The Annual meeting of the Board was held in the Seminary Chapel, May 10, 11, 1904. All the members of the Board were present, except two.

The work of the Seminary has been conducted during the last year without interruption. There have been twenty students in attendance upon the institution for the year just closed, four in the Senior class, ten in the middle class, four in the Junior class, and two special students. There were three regular graduates to whom diplomas were given.

The finances of the Seminary are in a healthy and encouraging condition. Our property, including grounds, buildings and endowment, is estimated to be worth $258,445.05. The income from the invested funds has been sufficient to meet all the running expenses of the institution. In fact, it is the settled policy of the Board to keep the expenses within the income.

We have made very desirable improvement on the Seminary buildings during the past year, which add very much to the comfort and convenience of the professors and students, and we have provided for further improvements next year on the Seminary buildings and the houses of the professors.

During the closing exercises of the Seminary, Dr. Henry Alexander White, professor of N. T. Literature and Exegis, delivered his inaugeral address, which was a finished, scholarly and timely address on the *Authorship and Purpose of the Fourth Gospel.*

Some very desirabie books have been added to our large and valuable library during the last year.

Steps have been taken by the Faculty and the Board to establish a Fellowship in the Seminary, and we hope our plans will go into effect next year. The holder of the Fellowship is to be nominated by the Faculty from the graduating class and is to be appointed by the Board and is required to pursue post-graduate studies in this institution for one year.

We heartily recommend this time-honored institution to the patronage of our church and earnestly invoke the prayers of God's people upon her work for the Master.

WM. G. NEVILLE,
Sec. of the Board.

11.

Report of Board of Trustees of Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

5 are students for the ministry, two of these being from Bethel Presbytery, one from Enoree, one from Augusta Presbytery, and one from New Orleans Presbytery. Each of these receives a rebate of 25 per cent. on tuition fees. Besides this, 11 others are receiving help from the faculty. either in whole or in part, about $400 being given in free tuition this year. This is to orphans, children of widows, and others whose need is urgent.

The total enrollment during the session of 1903-1904 was 58 students. This is exactly the number that we have enrolled so far in this session, and we expect several more to enter in a short time. Of these students, 31 were with us last year and 27 are new. Ten of the new students are from the town ; five or six of those from a distance were secured by members of the faculty in their summer canvass, and the others by correspondence or through the influence of friends.

Of the total enrollment, 52 are from South Carolina, 3 are from Georgia, 2 are from Virginia, and 1 from Texas. 44 males and 14 females.

In the faculty, we have lost the services of Rev. M. G. Woodworth, who for the past two years has done fine work in the departments of English and History. His place has been filled by Prof. C. .T Cunningham, of Springfield, Ky. Mr. Cunningham has been making a specialty of English at Vanderbilt University for several years, has had considerable experience in teaching, and comes highly recommended by the Presbyterian Ministers at Nashville.

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees last June, steps were taken leading to a re-organization of the Board, eliminating from it the local element, and putting the control of the College entirely in the hands nf the Presbyteries. The charter will be changed at the next meeting of the Legislature, so that the Board of Trustees will be made up of

three members from each Presbytery in this Synod, and three from the Alumni of the College.

Another house to be occupied by a member of the faculty is in process of erection. The interior wood-work of the Dormitory and of a portion of the College building has been painted and the walls of both buildings whitewashed. The grounds were put in good condition before the opening of College.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees last June was the largest ever held, every Presbytery in the Synod being represented by one or more members.

The College was first chartered in 1880, and has graduated 81, 63 men and 18 women. It has given to the Church 29 ministers, while 5 more of its graduates are preparing for the ministry, and one other who was a studeut for the ministry died soon after leaving College. Its sons are now preaching the gospel in ten states, one territory, and one foreign country.

During the year, four issues of the College Bulletin have been sent out. The last issue, copies of which will be placed in the hands of members of the Synod, contains the names, residences, and vocations of many of the former students of the College.

Thankful for what has been accomplished in the past, we turn our faces hopefullv and trustfully to the future, looking for God's blessing and for your sympathy and help.

A. E. SPENCER.

Vice President.

12.

Report of The Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage.

The year that ends with the first of October is the 29th of our Orphanage life. Notwithstanding the fact that the increment to our endowment fund has been quite small, only $1,300.77; and the additions to our building fund, mostly for the Georgia Home have also been small, a little above $3,000, nevertheless the year has been one of very great blessing in many respects.

In the matter of health, there has been comparatively speaking, but little sickness among our children and no deaths. For this immunity we gratefully thank our heavenly Father.

In the matter of educational progress, we are grateful

to be able to give the highest praise to our faithful teachers, whose services have been amply rewarded in the devotion of our pupils to their studies. We have never had a better or more successful year of progress in our class rooms.

In the departments of home and manual training, our matrons and our foremen have exhibited a commendable diligence and have filled their positions to our entire satisfaction. All have sought to do their duty faithfully and the result has been of the best in the promotion of discipline, in the removal of all occasion of offences and in the training of our pupils.

We note with pleasure, that since our last annual report, two of our former pupils have been licensed and two ordained to serve God in the ministry. We have much occasion for thankfulness in the career of the larger part of the pupils who pass under our care. During the year, fifteen of the children united with the Church.

The support of the Home has been a matter of constant care and attention. A very considerable amount of help is given us by the farms, shops and the various industries of the Home, but of course this is but a small part of the whole. We received from the Churches, individuals, Societies and Sunday Schools for the support of the 234 pupils under our care, the sum of $20,628.36. The collections of Thanksgiving and Christmas, the regular contributions of $60.00 by 170 patrons for the support of individual children, the regular monthly collections by Sunday Schools and regular and irregular gifts from individuals, all aided us in the raising of this large sum. It was expended for the children by the President, under the direction of the Executive Board.

The Synod of South Carolina, at its session in Clinton will have peculiar opportunities of observing the working of the institution. It is hoped that the brethren will take every opportunity to examine into its work and through personal intercourse with the matrons, teachers and pupils, learn how thorough and exact are the means used for the promotion of the good of these precious wards of the church.

With grateful thanksgiving to God for His goodness during the year and with a prayer that the King of Glory and of grace would bless you in your deliberations, I am,

In behalf of the Board,

WM. P. JACOBS, President.

13.

Rev. Gilbert R. Brackett, D. D.

G. R. Brackett was born in Newton, Mass., July 9, 1833, and died in Charleston, S. C. Nov. 29, 1902.

He came of English lineage, paternal and maternal. His father was Charles Brackett of Newton, Mass., his mother was Lucy Gay of Needham, Mass. His ancestor, Richard Brackett, came from England to America with the Early Puritan Pilgrims, and settled in Braintree, Mass., in 1691. In religious faith the Bracketts were congregationalists, and in successive generations were men of high character.

Frail health, caused by scarlet fever when he was ten years old, marked his early life. He was never robust, and some friends of his mature years wondered that he lived so long and worked so effectively. His private history shows that while not strong, he had persistent vatality, resolute will and enthusiasm for work that sustained him when men of stronger body and less finer spirit would have yielded.

A precious diary, kept through many years, reveals a soul of unusual beauty and power, and a life of thrilling dramatic interest and devoted service.

The preface to this diary in the form of two mottoes, early adopted, is characteristic of the man. One from Payson reads: "This Soul shall rule this body or quit it."

The other from Goethe:

> "If thou art anything,
> Keep still in silence;
> All will work out well,
> For place him whereso'er you will,
> The real man will always tell.

His early school life shows that the diligent and scholarly student whom all men knew in the man, Dr. Brackett, began his career in the boy, Gilbert. His diary record of these school days reads: "Books were my meat and drink, I read and studied when my companions played * * * I was a very diligent student at Waltham. I pursued the study of Latin out of school, with two other boys, greatly to the injury of my eyes."

He injured his health by excessive study, and on leaving Waltham School, his friends advised him to give up all hope of the ministry, and pursue a more active calling. Accordingly he began the study of Civil Engineering at the Rensellaer

Institute, Troy, N. Y., but the exposure and rigid requirements involved, compelled him to leave Rensellaer within a month. Determined to do something, he entered a Boston Counting house, but retired in a week, disgusted with the business.

His diary comment on this episode is: "I was never predestined to make money. I would have chosen a literary profession with povrty rather than a business life with $10,000 a year."

A few months of idleness was followed by the written resolve: "*To get a College Education or die.*"

Hence after about three years' further study at the Academies in Shafford, Vt., Lawrence, and Groton Centre, Mass., he entered the Freshman Class at Amherst College in the fall of 1853 in his twenty-first year. Before the end of the first term sickness compelled him to withdraw. After some months he returned. His health again failed, and his physician advised him to quit College and study forever.

The diary record of this crushing disappointment is pathetic. He spent a year reading novels, poetry, the Classics and the Greek Testament, translating numerous works of Virgil, Cicero and Horace, conducting a voluminous correspondence. Some of his twelve page letters containing synopses of the books he had read, thus enriching his vocabulary and cultivating his literary style.

These literary pursuits were interspersed with clerical work in his brother Henry's store, and with balls and parties in Boston, on which he comments: "I may have erred in this dissipation, yet it promoted my health. Thus God makes all things work together for our good, even our errors and failures."

GOES WEST.

In April, 1855 he went to Chicago seeking employment. This journey was full of mishaps, accidents, disappointments and experiences with rascals, all ending in sickness and a forced return home.

STUDENT OF MUSIC.

Here he took up the study of music, of which he had always been fond. In boyhood his sister Georgiana had helped him in piano work, but discouraged him, telling him his "fingers were all thumbs and stiff jointed besides." But nothing daunted his persistent, patient will. He worked incessantly on the piano, and on his fingers, stretching and

pulling them by a course of digital gymnastics until he could span an octave.

While studying music his interest in religious life deepened, and became more active. He organized a young men's prayer meeting, and assisted at the church prayer meeting.

His native diffidence made praying and speaking in public excruciating torture, which often paralyzed him into forgetting carefully written prayers and addresses, and even the Lord's prayer. His agony was unspeakable, but he persevered until he was able to speak and pray fluently with little embarrassment.

TO SOUTH AMERICA.

In 1856, to improve his health, he made a five month's sailing voyage to South America, remained there five months and returned greatly improved in health, and assumed the study of music, practicing four hours a day on the piano. His mind was never entirely reconciled to music as a profession, though fond of the art, and becoming more and more skilful as a pianist.

About this period the revival preaching of Dr. Phinney in the Park St. Church, Boston so impressed him that he abandoned music convinced that he had mistaken his profession, and was not following God's will. He had abandoned the hope, born in boyhood, of qualifying himself for the ministry. Yet his spirit was haunted with the fadeless impression that he would one day preach the Gospel. He fasted and prayed much, seeking God's guidance. The burden of his prayers was "*Lord what wilt thou have me to do* ?"

GOES SOUTH.

He resolved to take a school in Texas offered by a friend there. This friend removed to New Jersey and promised him a school there. He started to New Jersey, but while waiting for the train, and strolling on the wharf in Boston, he found a ship bound for Savannah, and moved by a strange impulse he engaged passage. Next morning the ship started without him, but after an exciting race in a row boat he overhauled her, and reached Savannah Jan. 25, 1859. Failure to secure a school in Savannah, after ten days he started to Stark, Florida, to take an offered school in that town.

Stopping, en route at Ferandina, Fla., he was induced to teach in that town.

While at Fernandina, he was active in church work, and

changed his ecclesiastical relations from the Congregational to the Presbyterian Church. The pastor, Rev. Archibald Baker, impressed by his character and abilities advised him to preach, offering to teach him theology privately. To this he eagerly agreed.

AT COLUMBIA SEMINARY.

About this time Mr. Jno. E. DuBose, from Columbia Seminary, on his vacation urged Brackett to enter that institution. After earnest prayer he decided to go, raising money for that purpose by teaching vocal music during the remainder of the summer.

When he entered the Seminary campus some one asked, "What has that fellow come here to die for?" But that was not his programme. He planned and lived his student life to build up his health. He exercised regularly with dumb bells, bathed every morning, cut and sawed his own wood, walked two or three miles daily in all kinds of weather, studied only in daylight to save his eyes, strengthened his voice by elocutionary exercises in the woods half an hour daily for three years.

Besides his regular Seminary course he accomplished an astonishing amount of parallel work in Logic, Psychology, Philosophy, Geology, Astronomy, Natural Science, Mathematics, Ancient and Modern History, and much miscellaneous reading. He analyzed nearly every book he read, even the profoundest ones, as a Mental discipline.

IN THE MINISTRY.

In July 1862, he was licensed by Bethel Presbytery. He supplied Salem, Little River Church, Fairfield County, six months from May, 1862. From June 1863, for some months he was Stated Supply of Unity Church, Rowan County, N. C., and in May, 1864, he was ordained and installed pastor of Third Creek Church, Rowan County, N. C., by Concord Presbytery.

He began preaching to the Scion Church, Winnsboro, June, 1866, and was installed pastor of the same in June, 1868, where he remained until May 1871, when he resigned on account of feeble health. He supplied the First Church, Columbia, several months in 1871, and in this year was invited to assist Dr. Smyth, pastor of the Second Church, Charleston. After a year he was installed pastor of this Church, June 16, 1872, where he remained until he died.

MARRIAGE.

On Dec. 2nd, 1862, he married Miss Louise Newman of Columbia, who as a devoted wife, shared, comforted and brightened all his subsequent life. She and their two children, Prof. R. N. Brackett, Clemson College, and Mrs. Gertrude Fitzgerald, of Maryland, survive him.

THIRTY YEARS PASTORATE IN CHARLESTON.

The field of the Second Church, Charleston, was his great life work. For it the Lord had prepared him in the previous forty years of varied training and discipline. To it the Lord led him. In it the Lord guided and helped him. From it the Lord called him to glory, with the plaudit: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." His ministry for more than thirty years in Charleston was full of good works, fruitful in edifying the church in faith, love and zeal, and in adding to its membership.

A striking illustration of his tender pastoral fidelity was his habit of writing out in full his sermon, after preaching, for the benefit of deaf members of his flock.

The key note of his life was faith in Mediatorial Providence. This was one of the chief sources of his long usefulness, his power as a preacher, his poise and strong, quiet influence as a man.

In home life he was a loving husband and devoted father, and while commanding his children's respect and requiring obedience he was the companion of their pleasures.

He helped all who knew him to love God and good men.

His preaching was a noble expression of love to God and man, and of faith in truth's power.

His body lies in the shadow of the stately Church he loved and served. His name, along with those of his pastoral predecessors, Flinn, Ashmead, Henry and Smyth is engraved in a moral tablet on its walls. His memory is embalmed in his people's hearts. He is numbered with the illustrious dead of this Synod.

Resolved, and that this memorial be inscribed on Synod's records, and a copy be sent to his bereaved family with the sympathy and prayers of Synod.

J. Wm. Flinn.

14.

Henry Gibbes Gilland.

Henry Gibbs Gilland was born near Yorksville in Fairfield County, S. C., on Jan. 3rd, 1851.

His father, Rev. James Rult Gilland, was of Scotch Irish descent, a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, and at the time of Henry's birth, pastor of Concord church in Bethel Presbytery. His mother, Mary Caroline, was of Huguenot descent, being a daughter of Dr. Wilmot S. Gibbes, of Chester, S. C., and a grand-daughter of Governor William DeSaussure.

Henry's early life was spent with his parents in North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas and Mississippi. In Mississippi he taught school while preparing himself for College. His literary course was taken at Clarksville, Tenn., and his Theological course at the Columbia Seminary where he graduated in 1879.

His first pastorate was Indiantown Church, Harmony Presbytery. This church he served from 1880 to 1888. The next four years he spent as pastor of Poplar Tent Church in Concord Presbytery. In 1892 he became pastor of the Summerville church in Charleston Presbytery. Here he labored uniil 1899 when failing health made it necessary for him to cease his ministerial work.

In 1887 he married Miss Annie Belle Dobbin, of Clinton N. C. To them one son was born.

From Summerville, Mr. Gilland in persuit of health, accompanied by his little family, went to Chestertown in the Adirondack mountains. But the work of the servant was done, and on September 25th, 1903, by the quiet waters of Schroon Lake he fell asleep in Jesus. In the old Indiantown church yard his body awaits the resurrection day.

In his life, our brother exemplified the graces of the Gospel. There was a gentleness and a sweetness in his manner that made him very lovable to those who were associated with him.

In his preaching, he was sound and earnest, proclaiming Christ the Savior of the lost.

As a Presbyter, he was faithful and conscientious. He did not speak often in the Church courts, but when he did speak it was always with clearness and force.

We feel his absence from us, and our sympathies go out to those more tenderly related to him. We pray that the God of all grace may preserve and bless them.

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